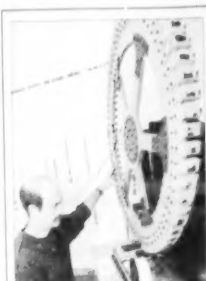


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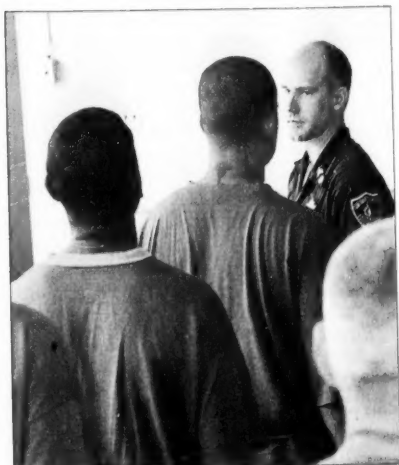
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An Essex County sergeant instructs Boot Camp participants. Inmates were back in town this week, helping the fire department move.

Inmates defend work program

Boot Camp described as a chance to start over

By Rebecca Piro

Everyone deserves a second chance. That's according to the 27 inmates who are back in town only four months after a prisoner raped and beat an Andover Housing Authority resident.

They're members of the Essex County Sheriff's Department's Boot Camp — a program that teaches prisoners structure and discipline while introducing them back into society. They know that much of the public considers them criminals, but they consider each other family.

"We're all like brothers here," says Miguel Santana, who is serving time for dealing drugs. "We work together, because it's the best way to do things. We go out there with positive ideas."

Andover employee who worked with prisoners backs program

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Andover woman) to happen. But (townspeople) shouldn't blame everybody, because everybody isn't like that."

Not everyone in Andover believes the Essex County Sheriff's Department and its inmates deserve a second chance. When Alex Mattei, a prisoner serving time for a drug conviction and participating in a community-service program at the Andover Housing Authority, attacked a woman in May, housing authority officials blamed the sheriff for not properly supervising the inmates. The sheriff's department blamed the authority for not providing its own supervision.

It's that kind of distrust that made town employee Mark Jacobson hesitate when he was instructed to help the fire department move — alongside several inmates.

"It's not my place to refuse a work order," says the 22-year-old resident of Pine Street. "(But) I thought about it."

The turning point for Jacobson came when he

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State to outdoors-y mom:

Freeze deformed frog for study

By Ben Hellman

There's more than ice cream in Roberta Dell'Anno's freezer. On a shelf above the frozen hot dog rolls, a large deformed bullfrog sits frozen in a block of ice.

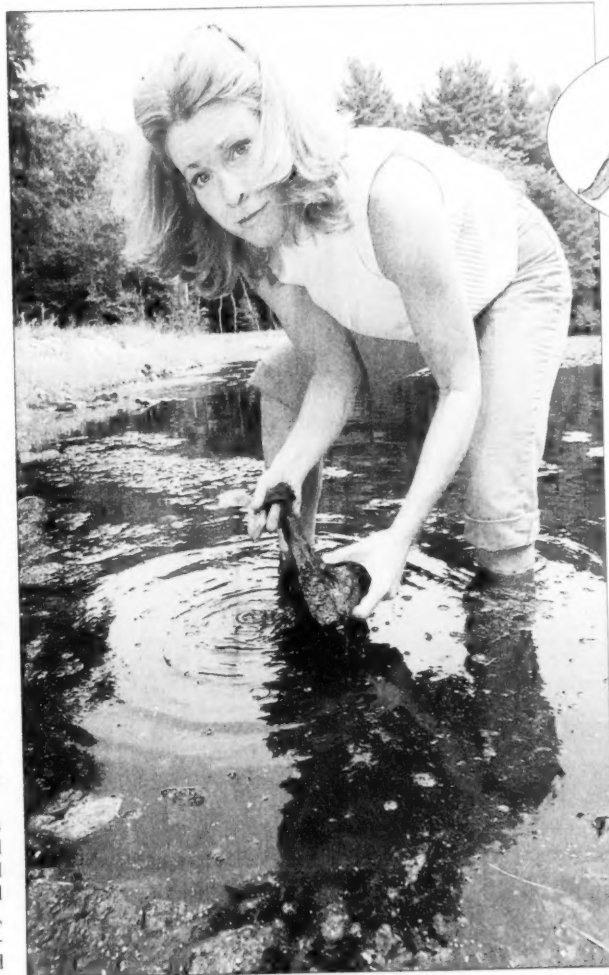
Three weeks ago Dell'Anno found the mutant frog in a pond in the bird sanctuary on Phillips Academy campus. She took the bizarre specimen home and contacted the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. They told her to put it in bowl of water and put it in the freezer, though a state biologist indicates the single frog is not an indicator that there's an environmental problem in the area.

"You wouldn't even recognize it," said Dell'Anno. The strange creature looks like a prop from a science-fiction film. Besides the tail that extends from the middle of the frog's back and a missing front leg, the frog's body parts swell out as if full of air.

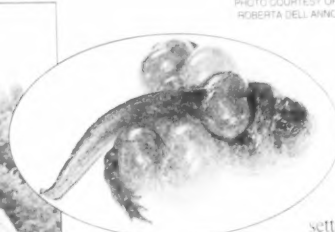
Dell'Anno and her husband Sal have lived in Andover for eight years. She takes her two children, Peter, 6, and Teresa, 3, out for picnics in Moncrief M. Cochran Sanctuary of Phillips Academy a few times a year. "We go for a hike, we go for a picnic and then we catch frogs," she said.

Last summer she took the kids out to the pond behind Phillips and says she found another unusual specimen — a frog with eight hind legs. Two of the legs were normal, but there were three pairs of smaller legs as well. Dell'Anno wanted to take the frog home, but she didn't have a plastic bag and her hands were already full. "I had a 2-year-old and a stroller," she said.

Dell'Anno called the Massachu-



No stranger to nature exploration, Roberta Dell'Anno has found two deformed frogs while taking her kids through the wildlife sanctuary at Phillips Academy.



sets

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and spoke to Tom French, assistant director of natural heritage, to report the deformed frog.

He told her to keep any future frogs for study. Now, Dell'Anno plans to drop off her recent frog finding to French next Tuesday, Sept. 3, when he is back from vacation.

But Division Biologist Peter Mirick says that finding one or two deformed frogs in an area isn't something to be alarmed about. "We have two or three a year reported or sent to us. It's

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How this mom uses Fosters Pond and bird sanctuary to teach her kids about nature

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No criminal charges for marijuana?

New district to vote on punishment for marijuana possession

By Rebecca Piro

One-third of Andover will vote on whether people should only be fined, and not jailed, for possessing marijuana.

The question will appear on the November ballot for the newly-formed 18th Essex District, which includes Andover precincts 1, 7 and 8. The rest of town will not have the opportunity to vote on the public policy question that proposes legislators ease the penalty for carrying marijuana.

Similar questions will be posed in 19 other districts throughout the state.

The question that some Andover voters will see suggests that marijuana possession be treated as a civil, rather than criminal offense.

The vote is not actually binding.

If a majority of the district votes yes, it will not change the law, legalize marijuana or force the new legislator to vote a certain way. Rather, it's a survey of public opinion sponsored by the Mass. Cannabis Reform Coalition intended to send a message to legislators, says MCRC treasurer Steven Epstein.

"(Treating marijuana possession as a civil offense) will save lots of time and money," he says. Taking away the police's power to arrest a person carrying marijuana would leave more time for the officers to patrol the streets for more serious crime, he argues, and it would relieve the backlog of cases in district courts. "Despite what the prohibitionists say, there is no real smoking gun about the hazards of marijuana use," he adds.

The coalition put a similar question on ballots in several districts in 2000, says Epstein. The measure got support in 18 communities. He's hoping to surpass that number this year and send an even stronger message to legislators.

Not that voters in the 18th Essex District know to whom they would be sending a message.

Four candidates are sparring to be the first representative of the new district: Democrat Barbara L'Italien of Andover, Georgetown Democrat Kevin Shea, unenrolled candidate Arthur DePietro of Georgetown and Republican Kathleen Saxe, also of Georgetown.

Shea says he's heard more questions from voters regarding confusion about the new district, rather than the marijuana ballot question.

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State cuts put town library in a bind

Memorial Hall director calls on residents to put pressure on state leaders

By Rebecca Piro

There is no happy ending to this year's budget for Memorial Hall Library.

The library, which serves as the regional headquarters for 27 libraries in other communities, will get about \$123,700 less from the state this year than last.

"It's really an unfortunate story," says Jim Sutton, library director. "We ask people to call their representatives and tell them how outraged they are that libraries were cut this much."

The shortfall means that Memorial Hall Library will

receive fewer new computers, operate fewer electronic databases, order fewer reference books and cut some of its evening staff. Inter-library loan services, which allow Andover users to borrow books from other communities, will be reduced.

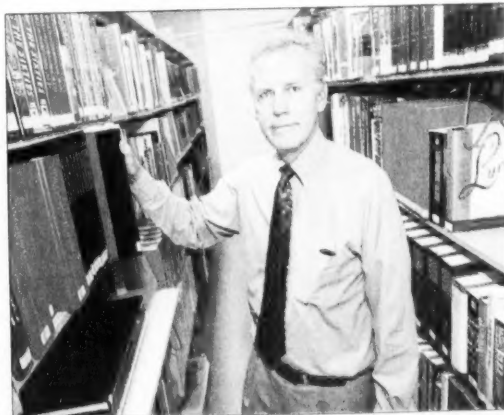
More on state cuts

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"There may be some things we could get from other libraries in the country that we can't get now," says Sutton.

Last year, the state granted Memorial Hall Library \$532,383. This year, the library will see only \$408,682.

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Jim Sutton, Memorial Hall Library director, saw his library take one-fourth of the shortfall between what the town expected from the state and what it received.

Coming this week in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune

■ **News.** Americans often adopt babies from abroad because of fewer complications, but Eagle-Tribune reporter David Dyer and his wife discovered it is not as simple as advertised. A first-person account about the trials of bringing 21-month-old Nicholas Alexander home from the Ukraine.

■ **Lifestyle.** The Boston Film Festival strives for greater recognition when it opens its week-long run on Sept. 6. Film festivals north of Boston also look to make their mark in the world of cinema.

■ **Sports.** The New England Patriots are past get ready, and get set. They're now primed for "go" and defense of their national championship. A preview of their chances — and that of the other NFL teams — is featured in a special pro football preview section.



Occupancy permit finally in hand

Was one of last steps to open new schools for Sept. 5

By Rebecca Piro

The new schools' occupancy certificate is signed and delivered, further removing any question about whether the two new schools will open on time.

Mark Johnson, chairman of the School Building Committee, announced that he had received the occupancy certificate Monday - 10 days after the School Building Committee had promised it would be signed.

"We have some kinks to work out, but we all have the right attitude," says Patrick Bucco, assistant principal at Wood Hill Middle School. "We're positive that we're all going to be in there (for Sept. 5)."

School officials weren't so positive a few weeks ago. Construction on the two buildings slid behind schedule at an early point after their October 2000 groundbreaking. They were supposed to be completed in June, and officials spent the summer months wringing their hands over whether the schools would open on time.

Superintendent Claudia Bach worked on contingency plans to house students, and frustrated parents demanded answers.

But with the certificate in

hand, administrators say there's no time to waste lamenting over previous tardiness. They are now focusing on scrambling to open for the first day of school - Thursday, Sept. 5. "We're all going to be pretty busy from now until we get in there," Bucco says.

This week workers will distribute newly-delivered school books, classroom materials and furniture. Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary teachers were scheduled to attend workshops Wednesday

and Thursday at the new schools.

"It's community building and learning about each other. It's to start a kind of vision of what we're all about here at the school and to give teachers some time to get into their classrooms," Bucco says.

A member of the fire department and the building inspector signed the occupancy certificate Monday after they were satisfied with test results on the fire and security alarm systems and the sewer system.

The School Building Committee had hoped that the certificate would be signed by Friday, Aug. 15, but inspections of the schools' systems took longer than anticipated, and the outside sewer system had a last-minute problem.

The certificate is a partial occupancy permit, because the auditorium is incomplete. Workers will remain on site for the next couple of months wrapping up that work as well as smaller, touch-up items.

Parents of High Plain and Wood Hill students will have the opportunity to see the new schools Tuesday, Sept. 3 at an open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the entire community will be planned for a day in October.

EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEWSPAPER

The Andover Townsman will have early deadlines next week as a result of the Labor Day holiday. News briefs, including school news and entertainment listings will be due before Friday at 5 p.m.

Advertising space reservations are due Friday at noon.

Rating of Town Manager coming

Selectmen mum on evaluation

By Rebecca Piro

Selectmen are getting ready to announce the results of their evaluation of the town manager, an annual process where officials consider Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's work performance and leadership skills.

This year, all five board members have declined to discuss Stapczynski's performance in regards to the evaluation at all. Selectmen began analyzing Stapczynski in July and will comment even on the process only in very general terms.

The progress of the town's major projects - and how Stapczynski has handled them - is part of their consideration.

Major projects

The new High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools are supposed to open in time for the first day of school, Sept. 5 - a victory for all town employees and officials who oversaw the project. But it will be a close call. Construction on the schools was supposed to wrap up in June, and Stapczynski has scrambled for months to push the contractor to finish in time. He has attended weekly meetings with School Building Committee members and the contractor, while school admin-



Buzz Stapczynski

istrators have considered alternate plans for housing students in case the schools didn't open on time. Parents have demanded to know where their children would attend school come fall.

The new public safety center has continued down its difficult road, and is almost one year behind schedule. Police moved into the completed portion of the building last week, while firefighters were transferred to other stations, and a temporary substation at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Stapczynski's role in projects, including the sewer expansion, a new senior center, a youth center, sidewalks and the Main Street renovation are also under consideration.

Process

Selectmen say they will announce the results in general terms after the process is completed. Because the evaluation is part of Stapczynski's personnel file, they will not talk specifically about how each member rates the town manager.

Last year, selectmen graded Stapczynski using scores one through five (with five being the highest possible score) on his management of town projects. Stapczynski's evaluation last

year included a look at the new schools and safety center, which were already struggling significantly and behind schedule. He received glowing remarks.

Contracts

As in previous years, selectmen will judge Stapczynski on his success in negotiating contracts with town employees and unions. This year, Stapczynski has not sealed a deal on a new contract with firefighters, and they haven't let him, or the selectmen, forget it. Firefighters have stacked meetings and protested at elections, telling the public that Stapczynski reneged on an agreement to a contract. Stapczynski maintains that he never agreed to anything and notes that only the selectmen have this power. Negotiations are now being handled by a mediator from the Joint Labor Management Committee in Boston.

Selectmen will also consider whether to give Stapczynski a raise - an annual part of the evaluation process that is typically a three-percent pay increase. Stapczynski currently makes \$103,000 per year.

Because selectmen keep the process so secret - and because selectmen rarely have criticized Stapczynski publicly during the 12 years he has served as town manager - some town watchdogs and former officials have wondered how effective, and honest, the evaluation is.

Ray Hender, selectmen chairman, insists the process is taken seriously and thoughtfully. "If there are areas that need improvement, we're going to discuss them," he says. "If they're glaring, I don't see any reason why they shouldn't be put in the public report."

To the wall

Upset resident: Manager has 'no right' to protect neighbor's wall

By Ben Hellman

Oak Street resident Dick St. Amand says that a wall across the street from his house is a symptom of the problems with Andover town government.

The wall is about two and a half feet tall, stretches across the length of his neighbor Jeffrey Canner's house and encroaches on the street, say officials.

According to St. Amand the wall makes it difficult for people to park in front of Canner's house because there isn't room to open a car door next to the wall. The larger problem of the wall, St. Amand says, is that it is illegal. Public Works director Jack Petkus did send a letter to the Canners, requesting them to move the wall.

Then Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski stepped in. This is St. Amand's beef. Stapczynski reviewed the matter and decided that the wall wasn't a problem and could stay.

"He overruled me," said Petkus. Looking back at the situation Petkus says that Stapczynski made the right decision. "Canner's not really hurting anybody. He made it look nice," said Petkus. Petkus explained that Canner's home was built prior to zoning codes and was built right to the front-most part of the property. "The house was built right up on the street. He's kind of forced into it," said Petkus.

"Buzz has no right whatsoever to overrule Jack Petkus' decision," said St. Amand. St. Amand says that this is just an example of Stapczynski not following town rules. "We vote in laws. We agree that we need rules and regulations and guidelines," said St. Amand.

Stapczynski was at a conference this week and unavailable for comment. Canner was also unavailable.

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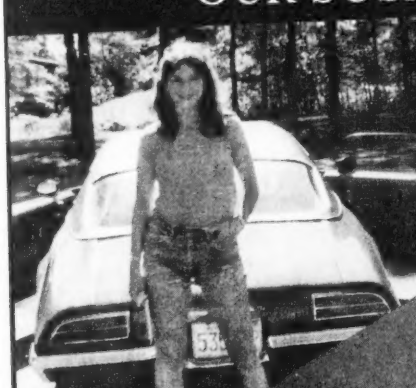
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IN BRIEF

September 11 ceremony at Collins Center

On Wednesday, September 11 the town of Andover will hold a memorial ceremony for the victims of the horrendous events of last September 11. The ceremony will be open to the public and take place at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center at Andover High School and is expected to last about one hour.

The town will celebrate the lives of Chris Morrison, Millie Naiman, Betty Ong and Lenny Taylor of Andover and the thousands of others who perished on September 11, according to John Doherty, veterans agent. There are no tickets and no reserved seats, and all residents are invited.

Field study continues

The town is still testing Dey-ermond Memorial Field for contamination.

The town's consultant, Camp Dresser & McKee, has placed canisters on the field to check for hazards, says Jack Petkus, Public Works director. The canisters take in air and any contaminants that could be leaching from the Ledge Road landfill, on which Dey-ermond Memorial Field is built.

The town decided to test after it discovered that the landfill cap could be too thin to meet state regulations. At a press conference Monday, Aug. 19, officials estimated that test results would be available today, Thursday. Petkus now says those results won't be available until next week.

— Rebecca Piro

L'Italien endorsed

Barbara L'Italien, of Andover, has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus Political Action Committee for state representative for the 18th Essex District.

"Barbara L'Italien has proven herself as a committed and savvy leader in her community. This participation has given her a great understanding of the issues impacting the communities of the Merrimack Valley. She would make an effective and responsible representative," stated MWPC Executive Director Roni Thaler.

L'Italien has served as a member of the Townwide PTO, the Council on Aging, and as a past hotline and outreach volunteer. She works as a case manager for the Elder Services of Merrimack Valley and as a supervisor of case management and elder abuse for the West Suburban Elder Services. She resides in Andover with her husband, Kevin, and their four children. She's a graduate of Merrimack College.

Dahlia Ball

Greater Lawrence area Democrats are planning the 38th Annual Dahlia Ball for Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Andover Wyndham, 123 Old River Road. The event will honor the "Democrat of the Year" and is hosted by the Andover Democratic Town Committee. For details contact Pam Wright at 978-475-8735 or Sondra Finegold at 978-470-1584.

PAST AND PRESENT



Some of the buildings look about the same, but the stores — and the cars — certainly have changed along the east side of Andover's Main Street, between Chestnut and Barnard Street. Trees have also been added to the sidewalk since the top photo was taken. The top photo was taken "just before the (middle) building was demolished (Aug. 1936) to make room for new Woolworth 5c and 10c store," according to notations on the back of the photo.

Old safety center

Ready for take-down

By Rebecca Piro

The downtown streetscape will soon be changed forever.

Developers could raze the old safety center building as soon as Tuesday, Sept. 3, says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. Workers need to make way for the second half of the new safety center, which will stand in the footprint of its predecessor. The town turned the old safety-center building over to general contractor Mello Construction Monday afternoon, says Joe Piantadosi, the town's Plant and Facilities director. The town has relied on prison inmates to help move equipment for the past two weeks.

"We're 100 percent moved out," Piantadosi says.

Police have moved into the completed half of the new building, which is located directly behind the old one. The fire chief and his secretary are sharing space in the new police station until the fire department is completed, and firefighters who normally operate out of Central Station are squatting at temporary quarters in Spring Grove Cemetery.

This week, workers were clearing asbestos from the old building and removing windows. Piantadosi told a Towns-

man reporter on Tuesday that he was unsure whether a demolition date had been set. Murnane reported later that Tuesday or Wednesday of next week was the target date.

The building will be razed by Algar Construction, a subcontractor hired by Mello, says Murnane. But the tear-down is the easy part. Workers never know what they will find digging holes for iron footings and foundations. Before the old safety center building was constructed in 1970, a factory stood in its place. The town tested the site in 2000 before breaking ground for the \$12.9 million new-safety-center project, but workers still turned up large oil tanks when they started digging.

"They think it's clean, but we won't know until they rip the building down," says Murnane.

A new schedule released by the contractor estimates that the building will be complete by June, but Murnane isn't so sure. Originally, the entire project was to have been completed by September. Now, officials are projecting the project to be finished at least one year late.

Quote, unquote . . .

THE TIME FRAME for *Last for Danger* hitting the big screen is a moving target. The screenplay has been incredibly well-received, and anything could happen at any time.

— K.S. Brooks, a 1981 Andover High School graduate, who says she's signed a screenplay contract for her book. (Story, page 21)

IT'S ALL RELATIVE. I DON'T THINK IT'S BACKWARDS.

— New Shawsheen School principal Moira O'Brien on her decision to move from schools interim superintendent in Orange, Mass., to K-2 principal in Andover. (Story, page 13)

News Calendar

Friday, Aug. 30

Public hearing on tree removal, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

School Building Committee, Wood Hill Middle School, 5 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Ballardvale Historic Commission, Town Offices, 2nd floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 9

Board of Health, Town Offices, first floor, 6-9 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, time not listed.

Patriotic Holiday Korean Vets Committee, Andover High School, Collins Center lobby, 6:30 p.m.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross is sponsoring blood drives as it strives to meet its new commitment to maintain a five- to 10-day community blood supply for cities and towns around the country.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, a blood drive will be held at 177 Ward Hill Ave. in Haverhill. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 978-373-6871 for an appointment.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, West Parish Church in Andover is also holding a blood drive. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Kim Glesmann to make an appointment at 978-470-2998. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Organizers say it takes about an hour to donate blood. Donors must be 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. For more information, call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE 9800-448-3543 or visit their Web site at <www.newenglandblood.org>.

Health clinic

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini-clinic on Monday, Sept. 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Andover Commons. No appointment is necessary.

Eastern equine encephalitis

Andover mosquito has EEE

By Rebecca Piro

One mosquito in Andover has tested positive for Eastern equine encephalitis.

The mosquito was found recently near the Tewksbury line off Route 133, as part of the surveillance done by the Northeast Mosquito Control District. The disease is a more dangerous ailment than the West Nile virus — the reason Andover originally signed up to participate in the Northeast Mosquito Control District two years ago. But Walter Montgomery, district superintendent, says residents shouldn't panic.

"When you're collecting a lot of mosquitoes and looking for a virus, you're going to find it," he says.

The mosquito that tested positive for EEE is a species that only bites birds. The time to become more concerned is when the disease is found in species that bite humans, he says.

A mosquito with EEE was found in Tewksbury almost four weeks ago as well.

The EEE-positive mosquito is

the only sign of trouble found in Andover so far this year, says Montgomery. Last year, several birds found dead in Andover were found to be carrying the West Nile virus.

"Every catch basin in Andover for the last two consecutive years has been treated at least once, some of them twice," he says. "That's why Andover does not have a problem with West Nile Virus, because we did all of the right things."

Other communities haven't been so lucky. This summer, West Nile has been found in Boston and Revere. "But that's a world away from Andover," Montgomery says.

The program cost Andover about \$86,000 to participate in last year. The town will pay almost \$99,000 this year. The town pays the contract in full, whether or not officials vote to spray for mosquitoes.

Last year selectmen voted to spray once in Andover. Officials have no plans at this time to spray this year, says Montgomery.

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State: Environmental issue unlikely

■ FROZEN FROG

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very unlikely that it's an environmental issue," he said.

Pesticides or fertilizers can cause hundreds of deformed frogs as have been found in Michigan or Indiana, he said. "I don't think we've ever had a situation in Mass.," said Mirick.

Dell'Anno's frog could have been affected by naturally occurring nematode parasites. The parasites can cause deformities by destroying cells necessary to the frog's metamorphosis, he said.

Tana Sherman, director of public information at Phillips Academy, had not heard of deformed frogs or other strange cases on the campus' wildlife sanctuary, which is open to the public.

The science faculty on campus has not yet returned from summer break.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Roberta Dell'Anno holds the block of ice that now houses the deformed frog she found in Andover. The state told Dell'Anno to freeze it until biologists can take a look at it, though a state biologist says he doubts the frog is signaling an environmental problem in the area.

State cuts to Andover

Cuts snip less than some figured

By Rebecca Piro

Andover's state-aid shortfall isn't half as bad as legislators had predicted, but some town projects could still be put on hold.

Andover will receive about \$422,000 less from the state than it estimated for its fiscal year 2003 budget. Compared to the possible \$1 million shortfall legislators had warned about some months ago, that's good news, says Tony Torrisi, the town's finance director.

"That's the victory here — that we were able to spare a devastating cut to Andover," says state Sen. Sue Tucker.

The state could have slashed up to 10 percent of the aid Andover received for fiscal year 2002. That year, Andover received about \$11.3 million. This year, the town will receive about \$11.1 million. So Andover will receive about \$200,000 less than last year — and bills from the state, which are about \$200,000 higher than last year, account for the rest of the difference.

The areas hit hardest are the library, which will get about \$123,700 less than last year; the highway department, which will get about \$28,600 less; school transportation, which will receive about 22,600 less; and reimbursements on state-owned land and tax exemptions for elderly and veteran residents, which are about \$68,100 less.

On the flip side, the state is charging Andover about \$101,900 more for retired teachers' health insurance than Andover expected, and about \$104,400 more than the town estimated for mosquito control.

Despite some shortfall, local aid did better than some state-funded items including higher education, human services and environmental programs, says Tucker. "Everyone in govern-

ment is going to have to learn to make due with less," she adds.

In April, Town Meeting approved a budget that assumed the state would grant Andover the same amount it received last year. Within that budget, voters approved \$600,000 worth of capital-improvement projects that would not begin until town officials knew the money was there to spend. Those projects include sidewalk reconstruction and maintenance of town buildings.

With the 2003 cherry sheets in, Andover is one step closer to having to delay some of those projects, says Torrisi. But there is one last hope.

Assessors are currently surveying new residential, commercial and industrial construc-

tion — all possibilities for new tax revenue. After they compile their numbers and the selectmen set the tax rate — all of which should happen by October — officials will know exactly how much money Andover has to spend.

Money from new construction has continued to grow in Andover, despite a slow in construction throughout most of Massachusetts. Developers are building less in Andover than in recent years, but land and property is so valuable that the tax revenues have continued to go up, says Torrisi.

If it's not enough to offset that \$422,000 shortfall, officials will ask voters to defer some projects at a special town meeting this fall.

Sutton: 'It really hurts'

■ LIBRARY CUTS

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In addition, the state cut \$3 million from the \$3.8 million telecommunications budget that funds Internet services between libraries — a loss shared by libraries throughout the Commonwealth.

Sutton, who is president of the Massachusetts Library Association, can't understand why libraries were hit so hard.

"It really hurts," he says. "We did a lot of advocating for libraries."

"Nothing was off the table," says state Sen. Sue Tucker, who considers herself a top advocate for libraries. She hopes a supplemental budget is possible in future months, which could restore some of the lost money to libraries.

Regional effects

The cuts in Andover will

hurt surrounding communities, says Sutton, as one-third of people who use Memorial Hall's reference services are from other towns and cities.

Besides being a regional resource, Memorial Hall Library is important to the students of Andover. Many students, parents and media assistants at Andover public schools told the *Townsmen* months ago that the schools' individual libraries are inadequate and outdated. Most students, especially older kids, travel to Memorial Hall Library to do their research.

"It obviously doesn't help that situation," says Sutton. "Libraries are the basic component of education, and we think they need to be funded."

These are the worst cuts Sutton says he's seen in his eight years in Andover.

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When weeds attack: Is Fosters Pond becoming marshy?

Man with Fosters Pond cottage looks for solution to weed growth he says is choking waterways

By Ben Hellman

David Carraher used to spend his weekends canoeing freely in the stretches of Fosters Pond behind his Fosters Pond Road cottage. He could row between the small islands that dot the waterway to the main parts of the pond unencumbered by water weeds.

Now, waterlilies, milfoil, and fanwort are choking off Carraher's access to the pond. As the weeds decay, they are forming layers of sediment. There is a boat launch next to the cottage that Carraher says was usable two years ago. He used to rent the space to his neighbor. The area is now mud. A rowboat sits there, abandoned.

Aquatic weeds fill the water just off the banks behind Carraher's cottage. Access ways he once navigated with his canoe are getting tighter or are entirely closed off. "This is radically changing. I can see it before my eyes," said Carraher. He has

owned the property since 1997.

The cottage is Carraher's place for rest and relaxation. He is at the cottage every weekend. He and his wife have relatives over for barbecues every Sunday and Carraher says he gets out the canoe every other week. "My wife would like me to (canoe) every week. I'm a little lazy," he said.

"This is radically changing. I can see it before my eyes."

DAVID CARRAHER, WHO IS LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION TO THE GROWING WEEDS HE SAYS ARE TURNING PARTS OF FOSTERS POND INTO MARSHLAND

But sections of the pond behind his cottage are so choked and built up with vegetable

growth that weeds found in Carraher's back yard are starting to sprout out of the shallow water. Carraher is concerned about new islands that appear to be forming from mounting vegetation. It is leading to what he calls the "marshification" of Fosters Pond.

Conservation director Jim Greer says it's natural. "(Fosters Pond) is relatively shallow, relatively warm," he said. Sunlight and nutrient rich water equals eutrophication, or the transfor-



Can't canoe — In the five years he's owned a cottage on Fosters Pond, David Carraher says he's seen weeds take over some areas of the pond where he once could paddle.

mation of the pond into a marsh. Greer has a file several inches thick in his office documenting different attempts by residents over the years to curb the weeds.

Resident Stephen Cotton has seen it all. He has lived on Fosters Pond since 1973 and has participated in different efforts over the years to keep the pond clear of weeds. Those efforts, said Cotton "like the pond, ebb and flow."

"There are no simple inexpensive solutions," said Cotton. In the early '80s Cotton says that residents bought an aquatic harvester that pulled weeds up by the root and removed them from the water. "It was extremely labor intensive and expensive," he said. Residents had to raise money to hire teenagers to run the machine. The teenagers grew up leaving no one to harvest. "The effort was abandoned," said Cotton.

From weed-eating beetles or carp to chemicals to aquatic harvesters that rip the weeds up by the root, residents have considered a wealth of options.

But it is illegal to bring carp into Massachusetts. Residents around the pond with shallow wells were uncomfortable using chemicals to control the weeds. Dredging is too expensive.

A draw-back, or partial draining of the pond might allow the weeds to be pulled up or to freeze and die in the winter, but that was tried in the '80s — it caused problems for well water users.

When Carraher bought the cottage he found copper sulfate in the garage. The chemical was suggested in 1987 for short term use by Sabin Lord Jr., environmental engineer for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering. Lord wrote a letter to the town

saying that the chemical was commonly used to kill algae in reservoirs, implying its safety to drinking water. It was one chemical solution that was abandoned at the pond because of nervous residents.

The current solution — a solution by default says Cotton — is what is called a hydrolake. "It's not elegant, but it's the most practical solution," said Cotton. The hydrolake is a floating crane-like device with a rake. It scrapes the bottom of the pond removing plant debris. The debris is then dumped on the shore and residents have to dispose of it.

"Hydrolaking seems like a scalp massage," said Carraher.

He also thinks it causes the plants to grow back quicker. It is another expensive alternative that needs to be done seasonally. The hydrolake will make an appearance at the pond after Labor Day this year.

"Maybe someone will come up with a new solution," said Cotton.

Carraher would like that. He would like to see a new study undertaken by the community, a task force or Conservation Commission subcommittee formed and the pond returned to the state it was when he bought the cottage.

"(Options) may not be what they were 20 years ago," said Carraher.



From his porch, David Carraher examines how much the shoreline by his cottage has changed.

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Opinion

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The Boot Camp program used in Andover this week to help move equipment out of the old safety center is such a program — and has many supporters. Andover officials, as well as the inmates and their prison supervisors, praise the program and the people in it. The sheriff's department says the program has been revamped since a man in a similar program walked away from his task and raped an Andover woman. The department has said it only allows low-level criminals such as drug users in Boot Camp. However, some of the prisoners who spoke with the *Townsmen* admitted honestly that they were convicted of assault and battery. The sheriff's department must be clear about who is in this program.

A higher level of security is also necessary. For the program to continue, the sheriff's department and any community that uses it must provide top-notch supervision and guidance. No prisoner should be able to disappear, for a time, unnoticed. If the department and the community cannot provide this supervision, the program should not run at that time. Residents' safety must always come first, even while the majority of those in the program are showing that they are willing to work to turn their life around.

Web question

Marijuana penalties up in smoke?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Andover public safety officials are relying on the help of prison inmates to move from the old safety center into new facilities. This comes only three months after an inmate, participating in a community-service program in Andover, raped and beat a female resident. Do you mind that inmates are back in town?

Out of 26 votes:
• 54 percent said "No. This time the inmates are supervised and they are part of a different work-release program. If Andover police are comfortable with their presence, there is no cause for concern."
• 46 percent said "Yes. Inviting inmates back to town so soon shows a lack of sensitivity and a lesson not

learned."
• 0 said "Other."

This week's Web-site question:

Andover residents in the newly formed 18th Essex District will have the opportunity to respond to a question this November on whether marijuana use should be downgraded to a civil rather than criminal offense. Would you vote to ease marijuana penalties?

• Yes, marijuana cases clog the court system and tie up police who could be pursuing more serious crimes.
• No, downgrading the offense is a bad message to send to young people.
• Other.

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School salute to volunteers

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We agree with last week's editorial "New school contingency: Promise kept builds trust." It is indeed wonderful news that a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the two new schools in west Andover. Although the buildings are not yet 100-percent complete, students will be able to attend classes there on the first day of school, Sept. 5.

It has been a very long journey. The mission began many years ago with discussions of overcrowding at the elementary- and middle-school levels. Planning, more planning, a debt-exclusion vote for funding, and the appointment of an oversight committee were needed. Town employees performed some of the work and volunteers contributed much as well.

The School Building Committee is a group of volunteers and town employees that have been instrumental in helping the town arrive at this point. Mark Johnson, committee chairman, met tirelessly with the contractor for months. He is a dedicated parent volunteer who will take advantage of the new buildings, as his children will attend school there in September. Other volunteers on the School Building Committee had no stake in the success other than to help the town achieve its goal: two beautiful new schools that will solve overcrowding at the elementary- and middle-school levels.

As co-presidents of the parent groups for Wood Hill and High Plain schools, we are delighted the buildings will open on time. We believe we speak for our parents when we say we owe a debt of gratitude to the School Building Committee. This dedicated group volunteered countless hours to this building project, and it is not over yet. Oversight will continue as punch-list items are completed. However, the certificate of occupancy is certainly a huge milestone. Andover is known to be an affluent Boston suburb; we are blessed to be so rich in volunteers.

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About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

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SLIP SLIDING AWAY



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Jeannette Cook catches her daughter Audra at the bottom of the slide in Ballardvale Playground.

LETTERS

Strange? Honey, this is the Registry!



Jack Grady

back license plate.

So I couldn't figure out why my own plate renewal wouldn't go through.

"Mr. Grady? It seems your registration didn't go through because it's in a DNR status."

What's that? I asked.

"Sir, that's a Do Not Renew. It seems you haven't paid your excise tax to the City of Boston for the last two years," he said, helpfully.

But I don't live in Boston.

"Uh, yes sir, it says right here, you live in Dorchester."

What? No, I never lived in Dorchester. There must be a mistake.

"Uh, yes sir, it says right here, you live at 67 Cheny St. in Dorchester."

But that's not me.

"Yes sir, it is. We got a change of address on you two years ago."

But I haven't lived in Boston since I was 2 years old. I never filled out a change of address card two years ago. I never lived in Dorchester. I've been at my present address for the last six years. Look at my other registration, OK? It's right. I renewed it last year. I didn't move since then.

"Uh, sir, I don't care about your other car. We're talking about this one. Our records show it's principally garaged in Dorchester, and you owe the City of Boston excise tax for the last two years. You have to take care of that before it can be renewed. I'm going to have to transfer you now."

Wait, where am I going? Is there someone there who can...?

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After a brief time on hold, and being assured by a recorded voice that my call was being monitored for quality assurance, a supervisor came on the line and asked what the problem was.

I explained that the Registry error was probably why my "real" town never sent me a bill for excise tax. If she would just tell me how much I owed, I'd read off my credit card number and we could make the whole thing go away. Easy.

"Oh, but it's not that easy," she said.

(Of course not.)

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She would be glad to transfer me.

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Well, I said, it sounds like I'm just about two stops away from the *Twilight Zone*.

"Something like that," she chuckled.

I knew she couldn't completely agree with me, as my call was after all being monitored for quality assurance.

I hear her faraway laugh as I'm thinking out loud — this just seems so strange. I never changed my address...

"Strange? Honey, this is the Registry..." she laughs. "Hang on. I'm gonna transfer you to Nakita. But don't be drivin' your car in the meantime now — it's hot, OK?"

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The present is the point of power.

KATE GREEN

I rise at first light and I start by rereading and editing everything I have written to the point I left off. That way I go through a book I'm writing several hundred times. Most writers slough off the toughest but most important part of their trade — editing their stuff, honing it and honing it until it gets an edge like a bullfighter's killing sword.

One time my son Patrick brought me a story and asked me to edit it for him. I went over it carefully and changed one word. "But Papa," he said, "you've only changed one word."

I said: "If it's the right word, that's a lot."

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Gems are polished by rubbing, just as men are made brilliant by trials.

CHINESE PROVERB

Only those who respect the personality of others can be of real use to them.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

The JFK quotation:

If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be no help.

Best quotation sent:

Don't criticize someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes ... that way, when you criticize, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes.

UNKNOWN

YOUR VIEWS

Planning Board was rude – not concerned residents

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We attended the Andover Planning Board's preliminary review of the proposal for a new subdivision on Rocky Hill Road on Aug. 13, and came away with a very different impression than board member Linn Anderson, who wrote in last week's letters that we had been rude to Board Chairman Paul Salafia. Indeed, standing outside after the meeting, several neighbors expressed resentment at the way they had been treated by Chairman Salafia.

Rocky Hill Road has for two months been subjected to the tree-clearing and road-building disruption of the Black Horse Lane subdivision project. Heavy equipment roars to life at 7 a.m. a few hundred feet from several homes, including ours, and will continue to do so well into the fall. Home construction, we are told by the developer, will begin next spring.

The approval process for the Black Horse Lane subdivision (originally titled Sterling Oaks) dragged on for several years, as issues of wetlands alteration, roadway siting, runoff management, water lines and the ability

of the existing roads to handle construction traffic were argued. The Black Horse Lane cul-de-sac will increase the number of homes using the dead-ended upper portion of Rocky Hill Road from 10 to 18. We will not know the ultimate impact of this project for at least two years.

Into this mix of construction noise, traffic and uncertainty came the recent proposal by a neighbor to convert his long driveway into a cul-de-sac and subdivide his acreage into three new lots (only two of which, he says, would be built on). As abutters, we were invited to attend the Planning Board meeting to discuss our concerns.

They are, of course, the same concerns we have about Black Horse Lane. Chairman Salafia and board member Anderson had heard it all before, and clearly did not want these same issues raised anew. If anyone inadvertently added a comment or made a suggestion without being properly recognized, they got scolded and threatened. At one point, my wife asked the board to explain what they meant by the term "an IDR." Oops! She hadn't been recog-

nized and got a scolding. Later, after she had been granted permission to speak and was groping for the proper words to explain a point, I helped her by saying, "It's a drainage channel." Salafia turned to me and threatened to close the meeting if I interrupted again.

There is no denying that new subdivisions permanently alter the character of established neighborhoods, and that quaintness, charm, safety, privacy and nature are often sacrificed when new homes are built. That is precisely why we have a Planning Board: to consider all these impacts on the neighborhood and the town, and to do their utmost to reconcile the interests and legal rights of residents and developers. Often, these are emotional issues, and the Planning Board does not have an easy job, but it can only make matters more contentious when neighbors who have serious concerns about a project believe they are not being treated in a fair and respectful manner.

Peter T. Wood Jr.
Florence Feldman-Wood
44 Rocky Hill Road

Guest column

A belief that change can start here

Mark
JacobsonTOWN
EMPLOYEE

they hauled me up here to drive a truck." The prisoner started to respond, but he was interrupted by a sharp order to "fall in," meaning the inmates from the Boot Camp program should drop whatever they're doing and line up immediately for head count or instructions.

We had gotten off to a late start that Friday. At about 8 a.m., I drove my rack-body truck from the Parks Department to the abandoned fire station, and 45 minutes later two black super-vans, inconspicuous except for the police plates, pulled in.

An officer barked, "Out!" and the prisoners, with camouflage pants and shaved heads, hustled from their vehicles to line up facing Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. In unison they announced their presence to the staff: "Sirs! Good morning, sirs!"

After the chief thanked them for showing up, he gave them their orders for the day. Move this stuff, clear that place out, throw this stuff into the dumpsters, and load that onto the trucks. By the time I had backed up to bay one, the prisoners were waiting with heavy coils of fire hose. One guy helped another guy onto the truck, and they didn't stop loading until the truck bed was full. No complaints, no slacking. Nothing but movement and sweat.

The truck was packed, the load was secured, and it was time for the day's first trip to a storage garage off River Road. I led the way, with another full truck following me. One of the black vans followed closely behind that truck, and we got there without losing anything.

Once a small boat was dragged out of the way, unloading at the garage was a simple reversal of the work at the sta-

"Normally, I just cut grass," I answered. "But, I guess the Fire Department needed truck drivers for the move, so

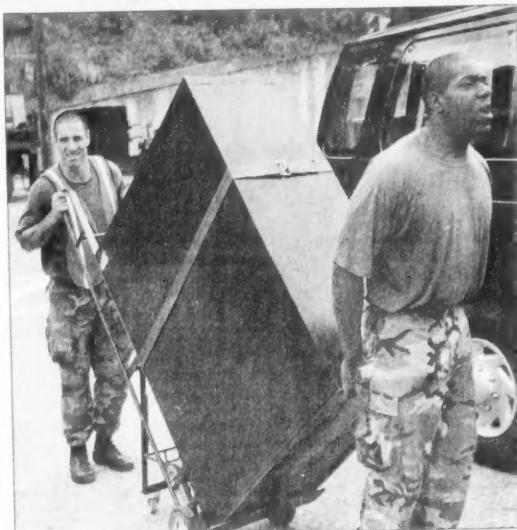


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Town employee Mark Jacobson says interacting with the prisoners who continued moving town furniture last week convinced him to support the Boot Camp program.

tion. We were all fortunate that the day was overcast so far, with even a bit of a cold wind. The previous two times I had driven for the prisoners, it had been during that heat wave, with that sun and humidity, but the new front had come in time to give the guys a bit of a break.

The other vanload of prisoners, with their supervising officer, had stayed behind at the station to get the next load ready. When I got back to town after dropping the boat off at the North Andover Fire Department, the guys were set to fill the truck again. First, though, there was the matter of lunch.

The prisoners set up a circle of desks inside the garage, and the Fire Department supplied the subs and soda. After an order to fall in, the guys yelled, "Sir! Thank you, sir!" and moved mechanically through the paces of picking up their food, according to the orders of their drill instructor.

When all were settled, they had a chance to eat and talk freely with one another. After all, these are real men with real lives. They have wives and girlfriends they want to get back to, and they have mothers who they want to be proud of them.

When lunch was over, the sky had cleared, and the air was getting sticky. The guys from Boot Camp did not, however, let the conditions dictate their mood. Not one of them raised their voice in heated anger or impatience. Instead, they helped each other to bear heavy loads and sang bits of songs as they lugged metal lockers. On their previous visit, the number of choice was *My Girl*. This time it was *Disco Duck*.

The next trip out to the storage garage was similar to the first one. Then it was time for the prisoners to head home, but not without gifts. The Boot Camp program received 15 metal lockers that the Fire Department had no more use for, as well as Christmas decorations like big, light-up toy soldiers and a little tree.

I followed the vans back to the inmates' temporary home, and the guys unloaded the truck for a final time. Still not tired, they carried everything into their building. Above the door was a sign for the Boot Camp reading "Change Starts Here." I shook hands with one of the guys; he gave a farewell "Sir. Thank you, sir," and I headed back to Andover to punch out.

Still the Registry, but with a twist

■ COLUMN

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Whew. Now, once I get out of the Faneuil Hall parking garage, I can start all over and go to the Registry like everyone else.

That, of course, was easier said than done, as I was parked on the top floor of the parking garage, near the end of the uncovered deck, in a driving rain. It was a hike from the top floor of the elevator, but I had plenty of time to dry off during my corkscrew descent, floor by claustrophobic floor, through the packed garage.

As I drove clockwise around the entire perimeter of each floor to find the next ramp down, I wondered if Franz Kafka ever drove a rental car. Or, if he were alive today, would he work at the Registry?

Maybe he'd live in Dorchester. Against his will. Could this be any more of a nightmare, I wondered?

Well, yes, I guess it could... I could be driving in reverse. Blindfolded. Unable to find my clothes. Late for a mid-term exam in another city...

Once I got to the bottom, I paid the parking attendant. When the gate went up, I tried not to stop until I got back to work.

But I still needed to liberate my own car. I had

heard the service had improved over at the Lawrence Registry ever since they got a new address and a new attitude.

They were also open late on Thursdays, so after 6 I headed over there with my pink sheet Non-Renewal Program Certified Receipt. I walked in and took a number.

The wait was almost non-existent.

I've paid my dues, I thought, and the window clerk agreed. Someone else behind the counter strolled over to see what was so funny.

"This is my manager," the clerk offered.

I held up the pink sheet and told her what had happened. Yes, Dorchester. They said this sort of thing never happens.

"At the Registry? It happens all the time," they laughed.

Had I been able to register online the week before, I never would've known that the Registry had changed – for the better.

After all, it's still the Registry. Only now the people who work there actually have a sense of humor.

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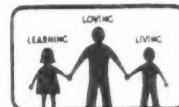
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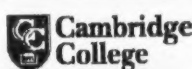
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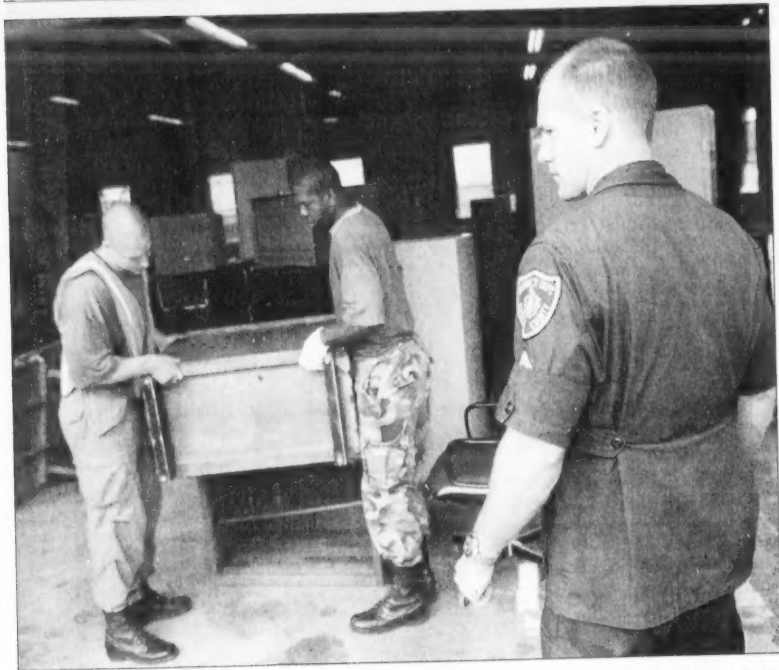
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POLICE LOG



Sgt. Shelley Ehlers of the sheriff's department keeps an eye on two prisoners moving furniture for the Andover fire department. He says the other prisoners should not be punished for the actions of Alex Mattei, a Boot Camp graduate who raped an Andover woman.

Guards defend program, too

■ BOOT CAMP

Continued from page 1

got stuck trying to back up a truck filled with furniture. "One of the inmates helped me back in. I had to trust him, because I couldn't see with all the stuff on my truck," he says. That gesture struck up a camaraderie between the two men, which, for Jacobson, slowly spread to the rest of the inmates. Now he speaks in support of the program and believes the participants deserve a second chance (see Jacobson's column, page 7).

"One guy was saying how he loves going out into the community, because it helps him feel good about himself again," he says.

Jacobson, who now praises the Boot Camp program, says he has never felt at risk while working with the inmates. But

Mattei is a Boot Camp graduate.

"It's kind of a slap in the face to us," says drill instructor Bob Goudreau.

Other inmates acknowledge Mattei's problems, but insist the program is praiseworthy. "Obviously, the guy had some problems," says Scott Wong, serving time for assault and battery.

"Don't punish all of us because of the actions of one person," adds Shelley Ehlers, a drill sergeant.

Several of the Boot Camp inmates are serving time for assault charges. But Andover police and fire officials say they aren't concerned about residents' safety, as the inmates are accompanied and supervised by at least one corrections officer. In fact, police and fire officials couldn't be happy

with the help. They called the sheriff's department when firefighters and public works employees refused to help with the move, protesting the fact that firefighters have been working for more than one year without a contract. The inmates are free labor, saving the town overtime money. The town's only expense is buying lunch for the prisoners.

"Everyone we've had dealings with has been very cordial, very polite," says Fire Chief Chuck Murmane. "They have very positive attitudes. They worked very hard."

The inmates say they come out on top, too.

"It gives us a chance... to redeem ourselves and make more of ourselves," says Wong. "It teaches you not to give up on yourself."



Prisoners line up at the old fire station before beginning their assigned tasks.

ARRESTS

Sunday, Aug. 25 - At 7:32 p.m., Christine Dusey, 48, of 18 Algonquin Ave., was arrested and charged with failing to signal, speeding, driving negligently and failing to stop for police.

Monday, Aug. 26 - At 1:52 p.m., Juan Chalas, 41, of 140 Bridge St., Apt. 2, Salem, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license. He was also charged on a warrant for driving an uninsured and unregistered vehicle.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 - At 3:36 p.m., Kenneth Paquette, 26, of 157 Andover St., was arrested and charged as a fugitive from justice. He was charged on a warrant for violating his parole.

At 11:32 p.m., Renee Caruso, 20, of 6 Bayfield Road, Saugus, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class A and a Class D substance.

At 11:53 p.m., Elving Mercado, 25, of 158 Butler St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and possessing a Class D substance.

At 2:55 p.m., an ambulance responded to a playground on Beacon Street where a child fell off some monkey bars.

At 7:19 p.m., an officer reported finding a syringe at Memorial Circle.

At 7:21 p.m., an officer brought a bike, abandoned at Washington Park Drive, back to the station for safekeeping.

Saturday, Aug. 24 - At 1:09 a.m., a Shawsheen Road caller reported hearing gunshots. A responding officer determined that people nearby were lighting off fireworks.

At 12:25 p.m., a male reported that he lost a Palm Pilot on Main Street.

At 2:28 p.m., an employee at the Andover Animal Hospital reported that a female who came to pick up her dog had left without paying for services.

At 9:40 p.m., the manager at the Tage Inn reported guests who were acting disorderly. The guests left before the police arrived.

Sunday, Aug. 25 - At 1:15 a.m., a hotel on Old River Road reported a fight on the second floor. A responding officer helped break up the fight.

At 6:45 p.m., a Summer Street caller reported that she had paid a carpenter ahead of time to do some work, but he never showed up to do the work.

Monday, Aug. 26 - At 2:13 p.m., a male reported that his cellular phone was missing.

At 4:05 p.m., an employee at the Residence Inn confiscated a BB gun from a guest and called the police. A responding officer told the employee that he had no right to take the gun, and the employee returned it to the guest.

At 4:36 p.m., a Juliette Street resident reported rusty water.

At 9:28 p.m., an Odyssey Way resident reported that someone had defecated on his porch.

At 10:13 p.m., a woman transporting some juveniles reported that they were fighting in the van she was driving. She stopped at a gas station and an officer intervened, says Sgt. Don Pattullo.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 - At 10:52 a.m., a caller from Sarkisian Farm and Driving Range reported that someone had hit golf balls late the night before, and had disturbed some flags on the property as well.

At 12:10 p.m., a female came to the station to report that her neighbor had just assaulted her.

BREAKS

No breaks were reported this week.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Aug. 21 - At 11:03 a.m., a detective was to file a report on stolen property from a Haverhill Street address.

At 2:53 p.m., a male reported

that someone had stolen his checks.

At 9:12 p.m., an employee at Marshalls reported that a male stole a handful of shirts.

Thursday, Aug. 22 - At 11:36 a.m., an Andover Street resident reported that his baseball cards had been stolen.

At 6:34 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported that her daughter's bike had been stolen. An officer later found the bike across the street.

Saturday, Aug. 24 - At 1:55 a.m., a Walnut Street resident reported that her ex-boyfriend had taken jewelry from her house.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 - At 6:07 a.m., a female reported that a male stole her purse from her car while it was parked on Haverhill Street.

At 7:18 p.m., a female reported that someone was fraudulently using her personal information.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Friday, Aug. 23 - At 2:46 p.m., a female driving on Dascomb Road reported that some kids threw something at her car window.

Sunday, Aug. 25 - At 5:29 p.m., an officer helped a person on Dascomb Road whose vehicle had run out of gas.

Monday, Aug. 26 - At 2:23 p.m., a Hyundai Accent was repossessed from a home.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 21 - At 9:15 a.m., one vehicle was towed from an accident on High Vale Lane. No one was injured.

At 4:56 p.m., a female was involved in a crash on Laconia Drive where a tree branch went through her windshield. She was not injured.

Sunday, Aug. 25 - At 10:02 p.m., a female reported that she had swerved while driving on Bailey Road to avoid hitting a deer and instead hit a stone wall. The female was not injured. The car was towed away and police requested that the electric company inspect a nearby pole that had also been struck.

Monday, Aug. 26 - At 2:22 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle had hit a teenager on his bike on Andover Street. A responding officer reported that the teenager was not injured and the officer was to file a report.

At 4:30 p.m., one vehicle was towed from an accident on North Street. No one was injured.

VANDALISM

Four cases of vandalism were reported this week.

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Open Season

It looks like chipmunks won't be a part of Shawsheen School's theme for the year. The theme? Endangered animals.



Moira O'Brien

While new Principal Moira O'Brien was giving *Townsmen* reporter Ben Hellman a tour of Shawsheen School, she met an unexpected visitor. A chipmunk somehow managed to get into the school and couldn't find its way out.

The reporter and O'Brien chased the chipmunk through the hallways and cornered it in a classroom. O'Brien tried to catch it with a plastic garbage pail, but it was too fast. Eventually, the two managed to trap the chipmunk in an entrance foyer. O'Brien held the front doors open and the chipmunk was shooed out of the school.

— Ben Hellman

Got Games?

The 21st annual Bay State Games, presented by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation involved more than 10,000 athletes from the region — including Rachel Shack, a 16-year-old Andover girl who attends Phillips Academy. She played on the Northeast Region basketball team, along with resident Jenny Muller, who was unavailable for comment.

The basketball aspect of the Games included five teams from around the state. While the Northeast Region team didn't place in the competition, Shack says that everyone on the team played well and was proud of their performance.

The Bay State games are "really competitive," according to Shack. "The best of the best are there — so it was a really good atmosphere to play it. It was fun, too."

For more information on the Bay State summer games and the upcoming 2002 winter games, go to <www.baystategames.com>.

— Kyra Auffermann

Service to give fresh perspectives on the American experience

News anchor, author Peter Jennings to take part in interfaith service, book-signing at PA

What does it mean to be American? What about America is worth fighting for or worth dying for? Why have American principles endured for more than 225 years?

ABC News anchor Peter Jennings and co-author Todd Brewster will examine these and other questions considered in their new book, *In Search of America*, during an interfaith service at Phillips Academy's Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue, Sunday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the service, which will include Christian, Jewish and Muslim readings and music performed by Phillips Academy faculty and students. At noon, following the service, Jennings and Brewster will attend a book-signing event in the Underwood Room, across from Cochran Chapel.

In Search of America considers the American experience and how the vision of the Founding Fathers has played out over time by examining six different arenas of American life: religion, government, business, culture, race and immigration.

In preparing the book, Jennings and Brewster traveled to cities, rural towns and suburban enclaves to gather eyewitness accounts that help explain what makes America unique among nations. The story is told through such voices as a Pakistani-American businessman in Dallas who preaches the free market gospel to sell the all-American potato chip to the rest of the world; a fundamentalist Christian nuclear engineer who pushes his local school board to abandon its strict adherence to the teaching of evolution to embrace the "science" of creationism; and an illegal immigrant who longs to embrace the opportunities and responsibilities of freedom, even in the face of arrest and deportation.

A six-part *In Search of America* companion series is scheduled to air on primetime ABC-TV from Sept. 3-7.

"Over the last year, Americans everywhere have reflected anew on what it means to be an American and what we need to cherish and protect about our country," said Barbara Landis Chase, Phillips Academy head of school. "To this process of reflection, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Brewster bring fresh examples and valuable perspectives. As Andover begins its 225th year educating youth from every quarter, we are proud to make this interfaith celebration and discussion open to the public."

TURNING PAGES



These "Volunteers" interned this summer at Memorial Hall Library. From left are: Veronica Schott, Peter Li, Martin Villarreal Serna, Sean Wu, Neeraj Sathnur, and Cecilia Jou. Librarian Beth Kerrigan coordinated the program. For more information, contact Kerrigan at 978-623-8400.

Crew in another world

PA senior in 2002 Junior Rowing World Championship

By Evan Greer
What's Up intern

Way cool." That's how Peter McKallagat, Andover resident and father of Phillips Academy senior Greg McKallagat, describes his recent trip to Lithuania to watch his son represent the United States in the 2002 Junior Rowing World Championship.

A total of 46 countries were represented in the event, which took place in Trakai, Lithuania.

"We got there about a week and half before the races started," says Greg McKallagat, who had to go through several qualification camps and cuts before he could have the honor of rowing on the US national team. The team arrived in Lithuania on Monday, July 29, and the races began on Aug. 7. Greg McKallagat's crew came in ninth and his family just recently returned from their trip.

"It's about as close to an Olympic event as I'll ever get," said Peter McKallagat, who, with his wife Louise, went to Lithuania to see his son compete. "The ambience to be with people from so many other countries — it

was phenomenal from that standpoint — to get to meet some of these people and talk with them and learn about their countries."

"All the people were really nice," agreed Greg, recounting how other athletes as well as fans were friendly and tried to communicate even though they did not share a language.

Greg also spoke about the opening ceremony. "All the teams were standing around in a circle and we were all shouting for our country — it was kind of like having flag wars — but it was all fun."

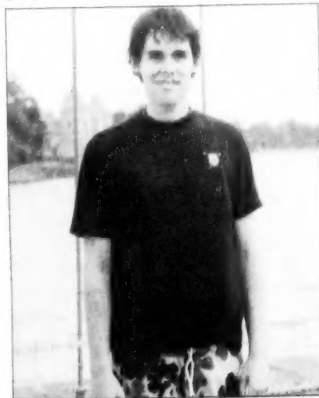
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PETER MCKALLAGAT, WHOSE SON GREG WAS COMPETING IN TRAKAI, LITHUANIA



Greg McKallagat competed on the straight-four boat.



Greg McKallagat, a senior at Phillips Academy, enjoyed the honor of rowing on the US national team in Lithuania.

bumps," said Peter McKallagat.

"It goes without saying that we were very proud of him," McKallagat said of Greg, who was the smallest rower in his boat.

Greg's only complaint was about the food. "We were thankful that there was a McDonald's right down the street," he said, laughing.

The competition

The United States sent several teams to compete in the various rowing events. Greg competed on the straight-four boat, a boat with four rowers and no coxswain. (The coxswain normally sits in the back of the boat steering and giving orders.)

The competition was divided into several parts. On the first day, the team raced in heats. Greg's team of four came in fourth place, and was able to continue onto the next day of "reps," involving 11 crews.

The reps were broken into two parts, one with five crews and one with four. The US team was placed in the rep with five crews, and came in fourth once again, preventing them from going to the "A final." The team continued on to the "B final," where it took third place. Overall, the US Junior Men's straight-four crew came in ninth.

During the school year, Greg rows for the Phillips Academy rowing team, which enjoyed a 5-2 record this past season.



The McKallagats became immersed in the ambience of other cultures, including host Lithuania.

Teeming with nature

By Ben Hellman

ROBERTA DELL'ANNO, the woman who found and froze a deformed frog for the state's wildlife experts (see story, page 1), isn't nature shy.

Wearing her sandals, she waded right into the pond at Phillips Academy's Cochran Sanctuary last week, sifting through pond scum and lifting rocks to try to find another strange specimen. She lifted a large normal bullfrog and helped her daughter Teresa, 3, hold it gently. "Frogs are cute," said the mom.

Dell'Anno says she started handling frogs when she was 6 years old. "Now that I'm a mom, I have to do it all over again," she said.

She's up on her wildlife as well. Her Fosters Pond home is in the middle of a bustling habitat. "I've got frogs, I've got snakes, I've got water snakes," she said. She's hung wooden bat houses on the trees behind her house. She tried to raise Peking ducks last year, but she says they got picked off one by one by the area foxes and a large snapping turtle.

"I've got frogs, I've got snakes, I've got water snakes."

ROBERTA DELL'ANNO, ON THE HABITAT SURROUNDING HER HOUSE NEAR FOSTERS POND

In her living room is a picture of her son Peter, 6, holding a three-foot-long snake. "That's a northern water snake. I said, 'Peter, don't let go of its head. You're going to bleed like a stuck pig,'" she said.

She explained that the snake isn't poisonous, but is armed with an anticoagulant, which leads to heavy bleeding.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN
Teresa Dell'Anno, 3, cradles a large bullfrog.



Peter Dell'Anno, 6, keeps an eye out for wildlife at the edge of the pond. His mother, Roberta, and sister, Teresa, are behind him.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Christopher Evan Redard

Christopher Evan Redard turned 1 on Aug. 24. He is the son of Russell and Alysia (Maravellis) Redard of Haverhill Street. Grandparents are Evan and Electra Maravellis of Windham, N.H., Nancy and Daniel Russell of Westminster, and William and Christine Redard of Winter Spring, Fla. Great-grandparents are Albert and Althen Chabot of Newton Lower Falls, Kathryn Redard of Hilton Head, S.C., and the late Lee Redard. Christopher loves to play with his toys, go for walks, and dig at the beach with his cousins.



Oliver Thomas Vazquez

Oliver Thomas Vazquez celebrated his first birthday Aug. 19. He is the son of Suzanne Leonard and Osvaldo Vazquez of Lawrence. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Leonard of Andover and Mildred Pizarro of Lawrence. Great-grandparents are Sal and Kay Lamattina of Peabody and Jose Pizarro and Nilda Ortiz of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico. Oliver is a fun-loving, people-loving little guy who smiles the day away. He loves being at Salisbury Beach with Gammy Leonard and at the lake with Mama Pizarro.



Sarah Elizabeth Cain

Sarah Elizabeth Cain turned 1 on Aug. 3. She is the daughter of Ken and Danielle Cain of Andover. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Friel of Groveland and Ken and Carline Cain of Barrington, N.H. Great-grandparents are Charles Friel of North Andover, Edith de Lyon of Centerville and Shirley Lehneman of Lewiston, Mont. Sarah loves to play in her sandbox and point and wave to everyone and everything.



Joseph Edward Thomas Moffitt

Joseph Edward Thomas Moffitt turned 1 on Aug. 14. He is the son of Edward and Givlia of Vine Street. Grandparents are Joseph and Franca Della Gatta, and Anne Moffitt, all of Malden, and the late Edward Thomas Moffitt. Joseph celebrated his birthday at Chuck E. Cheese with brother, Jack, 3, and eight of his cousins. Joseph loves watching Blues Clues and Sesame Street and loves dancing in his playpen to both theme songs. He has an infectious laugh.



Scarlett Gillette

Scarlett Gillette celebrated her first birthday Aug. 8. She is the daughter of Dan and Dawn Gillette of Redgate Drive. Grandparents are Phillip Gillette of Andover, and Laurie and Jim Druyor of Punta Gorda, Fla. Scarlet loves the beach, playing with shoes and getting into trouble with her brother, Cedric, 3½.



Rebecca Emily Page

Rebecca Emily Page turned 1 on Aug. 21. She is the daughter of Carolyn and Phil Page of Andover. Rebecca is a very inquisitive little girl whose source of amazement and amusement is her adoring big brother, Jeffrey. She has enriched all of our lives beyond our dreams. She is a joy! Grandparents are Cecil and Charlotte Hill of Woburn and Barbara and Leo Pineau of Peabody.



Sophie Joy Leveille

Sophie Joy Leveille celebrated her first birthday Aug. 26. She is the daughter of Allison and Greg Leveille of Methuen. Grandparents are Marge and Wayne Newton of Andover and Kathryn and Ed Leveille of Sanford, Maine. Sophie loves to play with her 3-year-old sister, Emma. She likes going to the beach and dancing.



Kyle G. Gerrior

Kyle G. Gerrior celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 21. He is the son of Brian and Helen Gerrior of Canterbury Street. Grandparents are Shirley Holt of Methuen and Raymond and Dorothy Gerrior of Sarasota, Fla. Kyle loves being entertained by his big brothers, Corey, 8, and Christopher, 5.



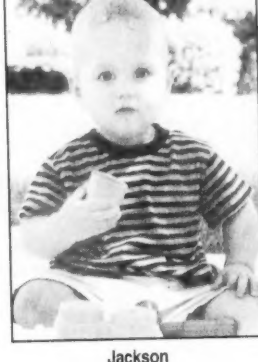
Brina Rose Valeri

Brina Rose Valeri celebrated her first birthday Aug. 7. She lives with her Ma and Dad, Carlo and Janice Valeri of Lakeville. Grandparents are Ardenio and Iva Valeri of Andover and Joseph and Mary Liversedge of Granville. Brina is a beautiful girl with a big smile. She loves Elmo and books and enjoys watching her many cousins play. "Happy Birthday, Brina."



Kyle William Harvey

Kyle William Harvey turned 1 on Aug. 28. He is the son of Kerry and Chris Harvey of Methuen. Grandparents are Suzanne and Michael Zembko and Sue and John Harvey all of Andover. Kyle enjoys playing with his golden retriever, Chloe, splashing in the pool, and listening to music.



Jackson Drake

Jackson Drake celebrated his first birthday Aug. 28. He is the son of John and Kim Drake of Granil Drive. Grandparents are Joanne and Frank Drake of Andover, and Edwin and Jeanne Aldrich of Franklin. Jackson has a big sister, Alexi, 3. "Happy Birthday, Shamus! We love you!"



Taylor Kendall Ashworth

Taylor Kendall Ashworth celebrated her first birthday yesterday, Aug. 28. Her parents are Rob and Tamera Ashworth of Willard Circle.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

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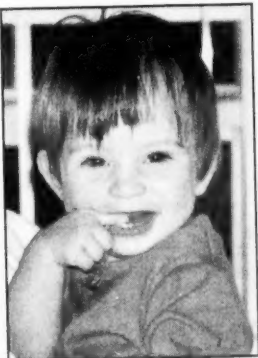
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BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a September 2002 first birthday will be published in the Sept. 26 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. Births are printed the first Thursday of the month.

Record albums, books needed for Historical Society fundraiser

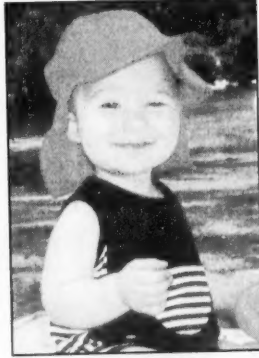
Donations are needed for the Andover Historical Society's Annual Book and Record Sale, to be held Sept. 12-15. Organizers said, "Drop off your unwanted records and books on our back porch at anytime. Drive down the alley between the society, located at 97 Main St., near Andover Video. Turn left on to the lawn and place donations on our back porch. Please, do not leave encyclopedias, *Reader's Digest*, or magazines. Need a receipt? Please call us at 978-475-2236 before your delivery."

Proceeds from the sale fund Andover Historical Society's education programs. Contributions are greatly appreciated, they added.



Natalie Rose Goodman

Natalie Rose Goodman celebrated her first birthday Aug. 15 in Pemaquid Point, Maine with her parents, Jonathan and Beth Goodman of Trumbull, Conn., her grandparents, Hank and Chris Young of Andover and her best friend, Morgan Craig-Fraser (at right). Natalie's paternal grandmother, Bilha Goodman, lives in New York City. Natalie is outgoing and friendly and curious about everything. She loves splashing in the pool, dancing, dropping toys on the floor for others to pick up, and getting adults to help her walk.



Morgan Craig Fraser

My name is Morgan Craig Fraser and I celebrated my first birthday on Aug. 14 with my best friend, Natalie Rose Goodman (left), at my grandparents' house at Pemaquid Point, Maine. My parents are Robby and Sarah. Grandparents are Robert Fraser of Damariscotta, Maine and Harriet Fraser of Andover. I enjoy laughing and biting with my 16 teeth every day. I typically cry every day as well, especially when I'm tired. I had fun sharing the full range of emotions with my family and friends on my first birthday.



Maryna Elizabeth Hajdukiewicz

Maryna Elizabeth Hajdukiewicz celebrates her first birthday today, Aug. 29. She is the daughter of Laura and Andy Hajdukiewicz of York Road. Maryna loves to play with her big brothers, Alex, 3, and Luke, 6, and her cousin, Maddie Shea of Andover.



Lucille (Lucy) Crum

Lucille (Lucy) Crum, daughter of Phillip and Jennifer Crum of Andover, recently turned 1 year old. She celebrated by hosting a dinner party for neighbors and friends. She currently divides her time between "big sister chasing" (her older sister Gretchen is 3), block knocking, bumping her head, and disregarding safety gates while stair-climbing. She is the granddaughter of Sara and Edwin Phelps of Prairie Village, Kansas and MaryLou and Allan Crum of Olathe, Kansas.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Exercise Registration: Registration for fall exercise classes will take place at the center next week. Stop by if you are interested in signing up for men's fitness, senior modified yoga, line dance, cardio conditioning (using equipment at the Andover Training Station); line dance, low-impact aerobics; water workout, tai chi or women's strength-training. Classes begin the week of Sept. 9. Our fall newsletter with all upcoming trips, special events, courses etc. for the next three months will be available next week as well.

Trip Interest Alert: We have put a hold on a limited number of tickets to the Irish Tenors Christmas Show at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Saturday evening, Dec. 7. Cost of the trip will be \$50. We are compiling an interest list at the center. We must commit to taking or releasing the tickets by the beginning of September, as the show is always a sell-out. Call the center right away if you'd like to travel with us.

Mentoring Program: We will be working with the Bancroft school this fall on a special mentoring program with their elementary-age students, which will require a one-hour-per-week commitment. Anyone who might be interested in this type of intergenerational opportunity may contact Pat at the senior center.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m., we will show the recent release *I Am Sam* starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Sean Penn. Reservations are not necessary - just drop in and join us. Andover Video supports our movie days.

North End Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to Boston's North End on Thursday, Sept. 12. The day will include a guided walking tour of this famous and colorful neighborhood, along with time for you to shop, browse or enjoy lunch. Cost is \$22, which includes tour and transportation. Sign up at the center if you'd like to travel with

us.

Creative Cooking: Our monthly creative cooking classes will resume Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Mediterranean cuisine will be served, and the cost of the class is \$6, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is necessary so we can anticipate appropriate food needs. Newcomers are welcome to join.

Monday Night Football Party: Come cheer on our New England Patriots as they kick-off their new season against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday, Sept. 9 by joining us to watch on TV here at the center. Our indoor "tailgate" festivities will get underway at 7:30 p.m. with a pizza party. Tickets are \$3.50 and may be purchased on an advance basis only. Get a group together and join the fun.

Newcomers Coffee: We invite anyone desiring information about our upcoming fall programs to join us Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Come meet the staff and find out about the many classes, activities, trips, cultural events and volunteer opportunities the center has to offer.

Subscription Series: New this year is a chance to enjoy the Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for The Arts at Merrimack College. The first concert in the series is: *Rondos, Rags, and Riffs: The Influence of Jazz*, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is just \$12, which is a 40-percent savings off the regular price. If you enjoy music, don't miss out on this offering, as seating is limited.

Lunch Bunch: Our lunch bunch will travel to Luciano's restaurant in Wrentham on Oct. 16, but reservations will be accepted only until Sept. 15. This popular restaurant is a recipient of the 5-star diamond award. Entree choices will be veal parm or broiled scrod. Cost is \$33, which includes lunch and transportation. Spaces are limited.

Quilting Class: An intermediate quilting class will be starting Monday, Sept. 9, and a beginner's class will get underway Monday, Sept. 23. There is no charge for the course, but

materials must be purchased. Pre-registration is necessary, so stop into the center if you would like to participate.

Journal Writing: A six-week intermediate journal-writing class will be offered Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 12. A pre-requisite is having completed the beginner's course or equivalent experience. Pre-registration is required, so stop into the center to register. Cost is \$25.

Cardio Conditioning: The center will offer an eight-week cardio-conditioning class at the Andover Training Station beginning Friday, Sept. 13 at 11:30 a.m. Get a great workout on treadmills, exercise bikes and other fitness equipment under the professional eye of a personal trainer. Cost is \$50, and space is limited. Registration is through the senior center only.

Spirituality Discussion Group: The spirituality discussion group will resume Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1:30 with a discussion of *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield. Anyone who is interested in the topic is welcome to join the group.

Woodcarving Class: A 10-week woodcarving class under the direction of Fred Arakelian will get underway Monday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. Some experience with carving is helpful, but newcomers or those interested in learning this art form are invited to register (\$20).

AARP Meeting: The Andover/North Andover chapter of AARP will meet at the Andover senior center Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m. New members welcome.

Genealogy Course: A three-session class on how to do a genealogy search will be offered Wednesday evenings Sept. 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. For further information, call Bernadette at the center.

Support Groups: The Alzheimer's support group will meet Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., and the Parkinson's group will meet Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1:30 p.m. For further information about either group, contact Kristine Arakelian at the center.

ENGAGEMENTS

Reilly-Gillet

James S. and Jane M. Reilly of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Walsh Reilly, of Andover, to Daniel N. Guillet, also of Andover.

Mr. Guillet is the son of Marie Leola Guillet of Andover and the late Arthur Guillet.

Ms. Reilly is a graduate of St. Mary High School and Merrimack College. She is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher at Holy Trinity School in Lawrence.

Mr. Guillet is a graduate of Andover High School and is employed by the Andover Fire Department. The couple plan a September wedding.

Daniel N. Guillet and Amy W. Reilly



Pierro-Parks

Jean Aprons of Osprey, Fla. and formerly of Andover, and Richard Pierro of Hampton, N.H. announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Pierro, of Rye, N.H., to Christopher Bryan Parks, also of Rye. He is the son of Dr. Patrick Parks of Rollinsford, N.H. and Carol Grady of New York, N.Y. and Rye, N.H.

Ms. Pierro is a 1994 graduate of Andover High School and is currently employed at Madeleine's Daughter in Portsmouth, N.H.

Mr. Parks is a graduate of University of New Hampshire and is at World Wide Sports in Portsmouth, N.H.

The couple plan a September wedding.

Christopher B. Parks and Amy L. Pierro



Gutowski-Reed

Raymond and Barbara Gutowski of Beaver Falls, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Ann Gutowski of Worcester, to Raymond James Reed, also of Worcester.

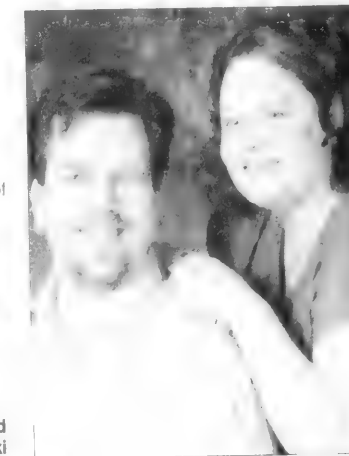
He is the son of Moira R. and Robert J. Conrad of Andover and the late George R. Reed.

Ms. Gutowski is a graduate of Beaver Falls High School and is employed as an equipment buyer at Ikon Office Solutions in Westborough.

Mr. Reed is a graduate of Andover High School and UMass Lowell.

The couple plan a May 2003 wedding.

Raymond J. Reed and Renee A. Gutowski



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OBITUARIES

Saul Joseph Hoffman

Advertising executive;
owned Andover Liquors
and The Vineyard

Saul Joseph Hoffman, 82, of Andover, a founding partner of Ingalls Advertising, Boston, died Sunday, Aug. 25 at home.

He was born in Haverhill, educated there and graduated from Haverhill High, class of 1938.

While at Haverhill High he was the editor of the *Brown & Gold*. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Indiana. Mr. Hoffman served in the Army during World War II.

At one time, Ingalls Advertising was the second largest advertising agency in New England, employing more than 200 people.

Among his leading clients at Ingalls were Volkswagen of New England, Zayre Corp., Data General, TJX Companies, Ocean Spray, Polaroid, Pier 4, New World Bank, BJ's Wholesale Club, NEC, Converse, and Talbot's.

Mr. Hoffman and his partners sold the agency to Omnicom, New York, in 1984 after building what his family said was the most advanced advertising agency headquarters building in New England, on Boylston Street, across from the Prudential Center. He retired from his advertising career in 1990.

Family members said many of today's leading Boston advertising agency executives got their start at Ingalls, including presidents of Arnold Worldwide and Hill Holiday, along with dozens of other creative and business talents.

In addition, Mr. Hoffman owned and operated Andover Liquors and The Vineyard, an upscale deli in North Andover.

He also owned Balsams Spring Water, which he sold to Veryfine; WGOT-TV/Channel 60 in New Hampshire; and Hoffman Communications Billboard Co.

He was also chief operating officer of Stuarts Department Stores, an observer at WGBH-TV/Channel 2, honorary consul to Luxembourg, and a former president of the Back Bay Association, Boston.

His board memberships included the board of directors for TJX Companies, WGBH, Back Bay Association, Boston Civic Design Commission, and Easter Seals.

Members of his family include his wife of 50 years, Ruth (Wicks) Hoffman of Andover, a daughter, Jane W. Garbino and her husband, Joseph, of Andover; twin sons, David S. Hoffman and his wife, Kathy, of Wellesley, and W. Drew Hoffman and his wife, Kate, of Marblehead; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery,

Haverhill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843; or to the American Cancer Society Memorial Giving Program, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements were by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, Haverhill.

Teresa M. Courtis

At 100; played piano for
Senior Center functions

Teresa M. (Sullivan) Courtis, 100, of Andover, died Sunday, Aug. 25, at Prescott House Nursing Home.

She was born in North Andover and was a member of St. Augustine Church.

She was a member of Andover Senior Center, where she volunteered and played piano for their functions. She did volunteer work for the former Bon Secours (Holy Family) Hospital.

She was the widow of Chester Courtis.

Members of her family include her niece, Mary Lou Emmons of Kennebunkport, Maine; grandnieces, Mellisa Emmons of Nova Scotia, Canada, and Jennifer Emmons of Windsor, Vt.; and grandnephews, Robert G. Emmons of Reading and Thomas J. Emmons of North Andover.

She was predeceased by nephew George H. Emmons.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Theodore R. Demers

Worked as vehicle
maintenance supervisor

Theodore R. "Teddy" Demers, 52, of Concord, N.H., and formerly of Derry and Enfield, N.H. and Andover, died Saturday, Aug. 24 at the VA Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

Born in Lawrence, he attended schools in Andover and graduated from the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

A petty officer in the Naval Air Reserve, he was called to active duty during the Vietnam conflict.

Mr. Demers had worked 15 years for St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. in Manchester as a diesel mechanic. He also worked as vehicle maintenance supervisor in Andover.

Members of his family include his mother, Barbara Demers of Andover; son, Shane Demers and his wife Keri of Penacook, N.H.; daughters and sons-in-law, Kerry and Jeff Aubertine of Concord, N.H. and Melissa and Brian Yeo of Penacook, N.H.; sisters, Elaine

and her husband Robert Jop of Tewksbury and Diane Rein of Manchester, N.H.; a brother, Robert Demers and his wife Peggy of Sunapee, N.H.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Aug. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 575 Candia Road, Manchester, N.H.

A Mass will follow at 7 p.m. Arrangements are by Affordable Funeral and Cremation Services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Burn Institute, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Albertine Gagnon

Worked as an inspector
for Lawrence Maid for
more than 25 years

Albertine (Rossignol) Gagnon, 95, died Saturday, Aug. 24 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gagnon worked as an inspector for Lawrence Maid for more than 25 years.

Born in Grand Isles, Maine, she was educated in Van Buren, Maine. She was a longtime resident of Methuen before moving to North Andover and then Andover.

She was a member of St. Theresa's Church and was one of the first members of that parish. She was also a member of the St. Theresa's Ladies Sodality.

Members of her family include her daughter, Dorothy Brennan and her husband, William, of North Andover; also, Gerard Gagnon and his wife, Beverly, of Methuen; a sister, Sadie Breton of New Britain, Conn.; brothers, Levite Rossignol of Tarrytown, N.Y., Rosaire Rossignol of Lawrence and Lucien Rossignol of New Britain; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St. Methuen.

Rosaria Pappalardo

Was a hand stitcher
at Grieco Brothers;
became a citizen in 1972

Rosaria (Musumeci) Pappalardo, 91, of Methuen, died Saturday, Aug. 24 at Wingate in Andover.

Mrs. Pappalardo worked as a hand stitcher at Grieco Brothers in Lawrence for many years until she retired.

Born and educated in S. Giovanni Montebello, Catania, Sicily, she came to this country in 1956 and became a citizen in 1972.

She attended Holy Rosary Church. She was a member of the Amalgamated Garment Union Local 87.

She was the widow of Mauro Pappalardo.

Members of her family include her daughters, Maria, and her husband, Giuseppe Musumeci

DEATHS

Teresa M. Courtis, 100
Theodore R. Demers, 52
Shelley J. Flanagan, 44
Albertine Gagnon, 95
Saul Joseph Hoffman, 82
Thomas J. Nardello, 80
Rosaria Pappalardo, 91
Marilyn H. Pepper, 54
Tania A. Wulleman, 79

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

NARDELLO - Thomas J. Nardello, 90, of Lawrence, died Wednesday, Aug. 21 at MI Nursing & Restorative Center. Mr. Nardello worked at Raytheon Co. in Andover. He retired after 18 years.

WULLEMAN - Tania A. (Alpin) Wulleman, 79, of North Reading, died Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Winchester Hospital. Mrs. Wulleman was a reporter at The Eagle-Tribune for many years. In addition, she and her husband managed the former Andover Lanes Candlepin Bowling Alley.

Marilyn H. Pepper

Taught at Shawsheen and
West Elementary schools

Marilyn H. Pepper, 54, of Haverhill, died Friday, Aug. 23 at Lawrence General Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born in Maryland and grew up in Lexington and Winchester. She was a graduate of the MacDuffie School in Springfield and earned her bachelor and graduate degrees from Chatham College and Lesley College.

Mrs. Pepper was a teacher, child advocate, and sailor.

She had worked at St. Ann's School in Methuen and more recently in the Andover public schools.

While living in Haverhill for the past 10 years, she was a kindergarten teacher at Andover's West Elementary School and Shawsheen School. She was

noted for her work with special-needs children.

As a mariner, she sailed throughout the waters of the US Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the Bahamas, the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas, South America, and Southeast Asia.

Through sailing, she developed her well-known affection for whales.

Members of her family include her mother, Carol E. Howell of Topsham, Maine; a son, Noah Pepper of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a brother, Roger Howell of Brunswick, Maine.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marilyn Pepper's Nature Fund, c/o Elizabeth Roos, West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., Andover 01810, in support of the Marilyn Pepper Nature Corner, to be located outside the kindergarten wing of the West Elementary School.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. at Phillips Academy Chapel in Andover.

RELIGION NEWS

This year's High Holiday season will begin with a program of music and prayer on Saturday evening, Aug. 31, at **Temple Emanuel**, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

There will be a concert of light classical music featuring harpsichordist Richard Troeger, an internationally known musician and husband of local Christ Church and Temple Emanuel organist Paulette Grunden.

Following the concert, and light refreshments, a brief outdoor selichot service will take place in the temple garden. "Selichot" means "pardon" and inaugurates the High Holy Day season, a period of spiritual introspection and repentance culminating with Yom Kippur on Monday, Sept. 16.

For more information about Selichot and other holiday services, call Temple Emanuel at 978-470-1356.

Temple Emanuel will again open its doors to all families of children in the community regardless of their affiliation to the temple for special children's services. These short, 35-minute services are specially directed towards children of all ages and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m., the first day of Rosh Hashanah, and Monday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m. for Yom Kippur.

All the traditional elements of the Jewish New Year will be present, including the blowing of the *shofar* and a holiday story told by Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein. Cantor Donn Rosensweig will assist in the youthful celebration of the Jewish New Year and will lead everyone in holiday songs.

Congregation Tifereth Israel of Andover, a conservative Jewish congregation serving Andover and surrounding communities, announced its services for the high holidays of 2002 (the Jewish New Year of 5763) as follows:

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah: Saturday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah Evening: Saturday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m.

Tashlich: Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

Shabbat Shuvah: Saturday, Sept. 14 at 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre: Sunday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Afternoon/Evening: Monday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Sukkot: Saturday, Sept. 21 at 9 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Services will be led by Rabbi Debra Cantor and Cantor Judith Berkson. Junior Congregation services will also be held concurrently, and babysitting will be available by advance arrangement for parents attending services. There will also be a community "break the fast" at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services.

Non-members must purchase tickets in order to attend. Discounted tickets are available for area college- and high-school boarding students. For complete information, call the synagogue office at 978-474-0540.

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Education

Newest principal on the block

Moira O'Brien takes up the reins at Shawsheen School

By Ben Hellman

THE OLDEST SCHOOL IN Andover is getting the newest principal in town. But to new Shawsheen principal Moira O'Brien, the Shawsheen School has charm that new buildings can't touch.

O'Brien hasn't met the students yet or even her entire staff — some have yet to be hired — but wandering through the halls,

admiring the architecture, "the nooks and crannies," O'Brien pointed out things she already likes about Shawsheen.

"They number the doors. That's how I know where my car's parked," she laughed. She noted and touched arching doorways and old doors. "I love the windows," she said pointing at the tall, arched windows in a side corridor. O'Brien's favorite

room in the school is the old auditorium, now Marie Messina's kindergarten classroom. The old stage is carpeted and the room has a new sink, but the domed ceiling and proscenium arch recalls the room's original purpose.

The room has a shelf full of building blocks, which are required for math now. Buckets of sparkling play jewelry are there for math as well. It's for "kinesthetic learners," explained O'Brien, people who learn by touching things.

O'Brien says she's a kinesthetic learner. It's why she always uses her hands when she's speaking.

O'Brien came from the Orange Elementary School district, where she was interim superintendent. She was previously principal of the kindergarten through grade 2 Fisher Hill School in the Orange School.

During her interview process, parents asked O'Brien why she would take a step down from superintendent of schools to be the principal of a K-2 school. "It's all relative. I don't think it's backwards," she said.

O'Brien wants to know if anyone is interested in buying a house in Petersham, where she currently lives with her dog, a yellow lab. She is moving to Rockport, where she'll live in a winter rental until she and her fiancé can decide on a town between their jobs to live. She recently found out she was living on the same street as one of the Beastie Boys, a fact that was lost on her, but not her son.

Asked if she was nervous about the students coming next week, she said she was "excited. I don't get nervous. It's all about (the kids)."



Pointed remarks — Moira O'Brien, Shawsheen principal, is ready to welcome students to school next Thursday, Sept. 5.

HIRING

39 candidates apply for assistant superintendent position

By Ben Hellman

Interviews began on Monday for the new assistant superintendent. Those interviews were to continue through Wednesday and finalists should be unveiled soon.

Superintendent Claudia Bach protected applicants' privacy this week, saying that the process was confidential until finalists were named.

Bach said there were 39 candidates, two more than were last

announced to the School Committee by Personnel Director Candace Hall.

The process began with a 12-member screening committee of teachers, principals and members of the community.

That group was to be reduced by half and joined by two School Committee members to form an interview committee. That committee would then interview the finalists.

Hall said she hoped to have

finalists by Wednesday of this week and an assistant superintendent by mid-September.

The final decision on a new hire will be made by the School Committee.

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Recognizing that online courses are a very appealing option for its students, Northern Essex Community College has expanded the number of online courses that it offers.

A choice of 11 courses will

be available during the fall session, beginning Sept. 4 and ending Dec. 23, including three courses that are available online for the first time. The new courses include The Internet & Web Page Development (HTML), Literature: The Short Story, and World Civilization I. Additional online credit courses available this fall are Cultural Anthropology, Keyboard Computer I, Business Communication, English Composition I and II, Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Psychology, and Introduction to Sociology.

Northern Essex offered its first online credit course in the spring of 1999.

Last fall, the college had 83 students studying online in one of seven courses.

This fall, the college estimates that 260 students will be studying online, a 213 percent increase in one year.

For more information about online courses, contact Alan Foucault at 978-556-3681 or look on the college's Web site, <necc.mass.edu>.

[Click on academics and then on distance learning.]



Big field — There was a large turnout at the girls field hockey tryout last Thursday.

Students paying to play

\$100 fee not seen to be keeping them away

By Ben Hellman

ANDOVER HIGH School sports teams are just in the opening minutes of their preseasons, but so far coaches are not noticing a sizable dropoff in the number of students interested in playing sports this year.

As a result of school budget changes, students must now pay to play on school sports teams. Though many teams' practices have begun, no one can say yet whether the \$100 athletic fee that a student must pay to play a single sport is driving down the number of interested students.

Andover High School's girls' soccer team hopefuls were zipping the ball around

at last week's tryouts. Coach Dick Loschi said the girls stayed in shape over the summer and it was apparent Balls were bouncing on knees at Aumais Field and soaring at goalies. Across town, behind Doherty Middle School, a crop of boys were fighting it out to get on the AHS boys soccer team.

Loschi said that 61 girls turned out for girls soccer, which is about 10 fewer than last year. "I'm pleased with what I've got," said Loschi.

Asked if boys' turnout was lower, Coach Mike Wartman said, "I haven't sensed that that's the case." He had about 75 boys try out.

Athletic director Jim Hurley said that it was too early to tell if having to pay fees

was affecting the number of kids signing up.

"We're not in the yet beginning stages of the season," he said. "I think teams don't start until the first day of school."

Though it's not a school play on an Andover High team, there are limited caps for both sides for students and families.

The most a single student could pay to play multiple sports in the spring is about \$200. The most a family would pay during one school year is \$300.

For families that have financial difficulty and cannot afford to pay fees, there is a waiver available.

Hurley said of the student-athletes, "a couple have requested the waiver."



Football tryouts also produced a number of hopefuls trying to make the Golden Warriors squad. They scrimmaged last week before heading to football camp and preparing for the fall campaign.

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Bus Routes



Midday Bus Routes

Bancroft Elementary School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:20	HOLT / BANCROFT
11:21	HOLT / BLUEBERRY
11:22	HOLT / MORELAND
11:23	WILDWOOD / IVY
11:24	CHATHAM / HAVEN
11:25	CHATHAM / ARCHER
11:27	SHAW / SANDYBROOK
11:30	15 SAGAMORE
11:31	12 SHERIDAN
11:34	KORINTHIAN / ATHENA
11:36	180 SALEM
11:37	PROSPECT / BUCHAN
11:39	SALEM / APPLETREE

Bus: A Rte: PM

11:45	243 HIGHLAND
11:46	KATHLEEN / MARIE
11:47	5 KATHLEEN
11:49	141 CHESTNUT
11:50	MORTON / MEMORIAL
11:51	116 MAIN
11:53	76 CHESTNUT
11:54	96 CHESTNUT
11:55	20 WASHINGTON
11:56	9 WASHINGTON
11:57	ELM / DEARBORN
11:58	109 PINE
12:01	WHITTIER / PARK
12:03	WHITTIER / SUMMER
12:06	SCHOOL / ABBOT

Bus: VAN Rte: AM

11:20	24 STINSON
11:25	3 RACHEL
11:28	9 PIPER'S GLEN
11:30	179 JENKINS

High Plain Elementary Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:20	HAGGETTS / GAVIN
11:21	BAILEY / GINA JO
11:24	103 HAGGETTS
11:27	BELLEVUE / GRANLI
11:30	170 CARDGAN
11:35	13 BROWN
11:37	RUTGERS / HAMPTON
11:39	480 LOWELL

Bus: A Rte: PM

11:37	RUTGERS / HAMPTON
11:42	63 HAGGETTS
11:43	123 HAGGETTS
11:44	178 HAGGETTS
11:45	GINA JO / PENBROOK
11:48	NOLLET @ CORNER
11:50	18 GREYBIRCH
11:52	288 RIVER
11:53	LAUNCHING / GEMINI
11:55	243 RIVER
11:56	15 FOSSEN
11:58	FOREST HILL / DEERBERRY
11:59	FOREST HILL / MULBERRY
12:00	FOREST HILL / SANDALWOOD
12:01	FOREST HILL / ALPINE
12:03	HIGH PLAIN / DEERFIELD

Bus: B Rte: AM

11:20	15 PLEASANT
11:21	BOUTWELL / FREEMONT
11:23	47 PLEASANT
11:24	PLEASANT / SCHOOLHOUSE
11:25	WELLINGTON / BERKELEY
11:29	470 RIVER
11:30	AVERY / STONEYBROOK
11:32	379 RIVER

Bus: B Rte: PM

11:45	CHANDLER / RICHARD
11:47	CHANDLER / CHONGRIS
11:51	BULFINCH @ CLUBHOUSE
11:55	NORTH / BROOKSIDE
11:57	NORTH / JOSEPH
11:59	GREENWOOD / PETTINGELL
12:00	GREENWOOD / DAIRY
12:01	GREENWOOD / STARWOOD
12:02	104 GREENWOOD

Sanborn School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:20	DASCOMB / WABANAKI
11:24	DASCOMB / GLENMEADOW
11:25	DASCOMB / LOVEJOY
11:26	OSGOOD / BARBARA
11:28	17 PARTRIDGE HILL
11:31	OSGOOD / KEYSTONE
11:35	BELLEVUE / PRESTON

Bus: A Rte: PM

11:55	GREENWOOD / TIFFANY
11:57	6 CANDLEWOOD
11:58	CANDLEWOOD / LANCASTER
11:59	11 EXETER
12:01	12 DEAN
12:05	LOVEJOY / HOLLY
12:08	6 RUSSETT

Shawsheen School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:20	22 CORBETT
11:21	PRINCETON / GEORGE
11:22	PRINCETON / YALE
11:23	PRINCETON / BOWDOIN
11:24	9 TOPPING
11:30	277 NORTH MAIN
11:33	HAVERHILL / YORK
11:34	BURNHAM / CARISBROOKE
11:35	BURNHAM / ARGYLE
11:36	19 ARUNDEL
11:38	DUFTON / ENMORE
11:39	33 LINWOOD
11:40	3 STIRLING
11:41	STIRLING / WHITTEMORE
11:43	197 HIGH-MEREDITH VILL.

Bus: A Rte: PM

11:50	MORTON / MEMORIAL
11:53	15 PINE
11:55	BURTON FARM / TANGLEWOOD
11:57	ELM / SHIPMAN
11:58	2 CHEEVER
11:59	57 CHEEVER
12:01	11 JOHNSON
12:02	80 WALNUT
12:03	WALNUT / CARMEL
12:05	14 WOLCOTT
12:06	65 PARK

Bus: B Rte: AM

11:25	CHANDLER / RICHARD
11:29	8 GREYBIRCH
11:31	FOREST HILL / SANDALWOOD
11:32	FOREST HILL / SUGARBUSH
11:36	PLEASANT / ASHFORD

Bus: B Rte: PM

11:45	NORTH / BROOKSIDE
11:46	23 SOMERSET
11:48	SOMERSET / SUFFOLK
11:50	IRONGATE / SOUTHRIDGE
11:53	CHANDLER / SAMOS
11:57	SHAWSHEEN / BEECH
11:59	97 SHAWSHEEN
12:02	18 CHANDLER CIRCLE
12:04	17 CANTERBURY

Bus: C Rte: AM

11:25	STINSON / CODERRE
11:30	36 FARRWOOD
11:31	FARRWOOD / ARROWOOD
11:35	59 RATTLESNAKE HILL

Bus: C Rte: PM

11:52	ARGILLA / STRAWBERRY HILL
11:53	FAIRFAX / DORSET
11:55	41 ARGILLA
11:57	59 LUPINE
11:58	4 MARION
12:03	RED SPRING / CUBA

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

THE ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL bus routes for children attending public school in grades 1 to 5 and all-day kindergarten were published last week, Aug. 22, beginning on page 13A in the *Townsmen's* "Back to School" special section. Bus routes for other schools were not published in that section, as they were not made available by the Andover school system.

The remaining routes - the

bus routes for Andover's middle schools, Andover High School, Shawsheen School and the routes for the schools' half-day kindergarten programs, as well as the routes for private schools served by the Andover transportation department (St. Augustine School, Andover School of Montessori, and Pike School) - are listed in this section. For school-related information, visit www.andoverpublicschools.com.

South School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM OUTBOUND
11:20	228 ANDOVER
11:21	ANDOVER / HIGH VALE
11:23	73 RIVER
11:27	TEWKSBURY / CENTER
11:28	51 TEWKSBURY
11:29	YARDLEY / RADCLIFF
11:30	YARDLEY / GARFIELD
11:31	YARDLEY / COPLEY
11:33	CHESTER / MITTON
11:34	5 CHESTER
11:35	BRADLEY @ TOP OF HILL
11:36	10 BRADLEY
11:40	8 HENDERSON

Bus: A Rte: PM INBOUND

11:50	7 ABBOT BRIDGE
11:51	17 HARTFORD
11:53	EASTMAN / SPRUCE
11:54	ABBOT / EASTMAN
11:55	ABBOT / PRIDES
11:58	PORTER / HAMMOND
11:59	10 FORBES
12:00	245 SOUTH MAIN
12:03	120 HIDDEN
12:05	35 HIDDEN

Bus: B Rte: AM

11:20	BALLARDVALE / BLACKBERRY
11:21	BALLARDVALE / TILTON
11:24	16 ORCHARD CROSSING
11:26	345 SOUTH MAIN
11:27	31 SUNCREST
11:31	COLONIAL / SOUTH MAIN
11:34	6 FOREST
11:35	FARRWOOD / MOHAWK

Bus: B Rte: PM

11:55	24 BOSTON
11:56	14 BOSTON
11:58	SUNSET / PEPPERCORN
12:00	SUNSET / REGENCY RIDGE
12:03	RATTLESNAKE / FOSTERS
12:05	3 NICOLL

West Elementary School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:19	PAULORNETTE @ CIRCLE
11:20	BEACON / NOEL
11:22	37 JUNIPER
11:23	HIGH PLAIN / SERENITY
11:24	6 BEACON
11:26	WESTMINSTER / SHADOW
11:27	2 SCOTLAND
11:29	STAFFORD / WARWICK
11:30	10 CANTERBURY
11:33	NO MAIN / CASTLE HEIGHTS
11:34	NO MAIN / WASHINGTON PARK
11:37	49 ENMORE
11:38	33 DUFTON
11:40	HIGH / LONGWOOD
11:43	ELM / SUMMER
11:44	99 ELM
11:45	168 ELM
11:47	ELM / BURTON FARM
11:48	WALNUT / CARMEL

Bus: A Rte: PM

11:50	85 SHAWSHEEN
11:51	29 LINCOLN CIRCLE
11:52	5 LILLIAN
11:53	LINCOLN / MARILYN
11:55	117 SHAWSHEEN
12:00	ANDOVER / HERITAGE
12:02	ARGILLA / HOMESTEAD
12:03	ARGILLA / MEADOWVIEW
12:04	FAIRFAX / MIDLAND
12:06	ARGILLA / CATTLE CROSSING
12:07	102 ARGILLA
12:08	127 ARGILLA
12:09	10 BIRCH

St. Augustine School & Bancroft School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:20	228 ANDOVER
11:21	ANDOVER / HIGH VALE
11:23	73 RIVER
11:27	TEWKSBURY / CENTER
11:28	51 TEWKSBURY
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11:54	ABBOT / EASTMAN
11:55	ABBOT / PRIDES
11:58	PORTER / HAMMOND
11:59	10 FORBES
12:00	245 SOUTH MAIN
12:03	120 HIDDEN
12:05	35 HIDDEN

St. Augustine School & Shawsheen School Kindergarten PM Bus Routes

Bus: A	Rte: AM
11:20	BALLARDVALE / BLACKBERRY
11:21	BALLARDVALE / TILTON
11:24	16 ORCHARD CROSSING
11:26	345 SOUTH MAIN
11:27	31 SUNCREST
11:31	COLONIAL / SOUTH MAIN
11:34	6 FOREST
11:35	FARRWOOD / MOHAWK

Bus: B Rte: PM

11:55	24 BOSTON
11:56	14 BOSTON
11:58	SUNSET / PEPPERCORN
12:00	SUNSET / REGENCY RIDGE
12:03	RATTLESNAKE / FOSTERS
12:05	3 NICOLL



Private School Routes

Pike School & Andover School of Montessori

Route 78	Bus: # 27 TROMBLY SCHOOL BUS
TIME: 7:20 A.M.	STOP LOCATION
11 LINCOLN STREET	7:20
LINCOLN / MARILYN	7:21
LOWELL / LINCOLN	7:23
WESTMINSTER / FARNHAM	7:24
WESTMINSTER / SHADOW	7:25
WESTMINSTER / ENDICOTT	7:26
WILLIAM / POOR	7:31
HAVERHILL / ENMORE	7:33
STIRLING / WHITTEMORE	7:34
BALMORAL / YORK	7:36
BURNHAM / ROCK O'DUNDEE	7:37
BURNHAM / DUFTON	7:38
HIGH / WALNUT	7:39
WALNUT / MAPLE	7:40
WALNUT / WOLCOTT	7:41
WALNUT / CARMEL	7:42
CHEEVER / COOLIDGE	7:43
ELM / JOHNSON	7:44
SUMMER / PINE	7:45
SUMMER / WASHINGTON	7:47
CHESTNUT / WHITTIER	7:48
BARTLET / MORTON	7:49
38 WOODLAND	7:52
SALEM / WOODLAND	7:53
7 APPLETREE	7:54
SALEM / COVENTRY	7:56
WILDWOOD / SHERIDAN	7:58
HOLT / VINE	8:00
HOLT / BLUEBERRY	8:01
HOLT / STINSON	8:02
HOLT / BANCROFT	8:03
SO. MAIN / BANCROFT	8:04
TIME TO PIKE:	8:10
TIME TO MONTESSORI:	8:15

St. Augustine's ONLY:

STOP LOCATION	TIME
15 PRINCETON	8:15
SHERBOURNE/WILLIAMS	8:16
BALMORAL/YORK	8:20
63 BURNHAM	8:21
HAVERHILL/ENMORE	8:22
HAVERHILL/LINWOOD	8:23
LIBERTY/SUTHERLAND	8:24
HAVERHILL/STIRLING	8:25
135 HAVERHILL	8:27
HIGH/DOCTOR'S PARK	8:28

St. Augustine School & Shawsheen School

Route 74	Bus: # 18 PARENT BUS SERVICE
TIME: 7:50 A.M.	STOP LOCATION
32 BELLEVUE	7:50
DEVONSHIRE / LENOX	7:51
BELLEVUE / GRANLI	7:53
HAGGETTS / GAVIN	7:57
SEVILLA / GRANADA	7:59
PLEASANT / ASHFORD	8:01
PLEASANT / OLD SCHOOLHOUSE	8:02
BAILEY / GINA JO	8:04
BAILEY / LARCHMONT (TURNAROUND)	8:05
WELLINGTON / BERKELEY	8:08
118 BAILEY	8:11
AVERY / ATWOOD	8:14
AVERY / STONEYBROOK	8:15
RIVER / RAVEN'S BLUFF	8:18
344 RIVER	8:19
21 BOUTWELL	8:23
HIGH PLAIN / KNOLLCREST	8:25
TIME TO SHAWSHEEN	8:35
PICK UP @ 30 RAILROAD	8:42
TIME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S	8:44

Route 75

Bus: # 17 PARENT BUS SERVICE	TIME: 7:50 A.M.
STOP LOCATION	TIME
HOLT / BANCROFT	7:50
ORCHARD / GREAT HERON	7:52
WILDWOOD / CHATHAM	7:53
VINE / COLLEGE	7:55
HOLT / MORELAND	7:56
STINSON / CODERRE	7:57
GOULD / MONTEGO	8:01
36 FARRWOOD	8:03
FARRWOOD / ARROWOOD	8:04
11 SHERIDAN	8:08
88 WILDWOOD	8:10
WILDWOOD / BRENTWOOD	8:11
KORINTHIAN / ATHENA	8:13
PROSPECT / BUCHAN	8:17
9 PROSPECT	8:20
SALEM / PROSPECT	8:21
HOLT / APPLETREE	8:22
201 HIGHLAND	8:25
225 HIGHLAND	8:26
230 HIGHLAND	8:27
TIME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S	8:32
277 NORTH MAIN	8:37
363 NORTH MAIN (Outbound Bus #30)	8:38
TIME TO SHAWSHEEN	8:40

BUS ROUTES



Private School Routes

St. Augustine School & Shawsheen School		TIME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S 8:45	
ROUTE 84		AFTERNOON ONLY BUS STOPS:	
BUS # 23 TROMBLY SCHOOL BUS		SHAWSHOEN / SMITHSHIRE	
TIME: 7:55 A.M.		SHAWSHOEN / LINCOLN CIRCLE	
STOP LOCATION		OUTBOUND ROUTE FOR BUS #24, ROUTE 86	
BARTLEY / MORTON		ORDER OF STOPS:	
BARTLEY / PUNCHARD		SHAWSHOEN / SMITHSHIRE	
CHESTNUT / BARTLEY		(FROM BUS 19 INBOUND)	
CHESTNUT / MORTON		SHAWSHOEN / LINCOLN CIRCLE	
HIGHLAND / ROGERS BROOK EAST		(FROM BUS 19 INBOUND)	
HIGHLAND / KATHLEEN		TAKE LINCOLN ST. OUT TO LOWELL	
194 SUMMER		93 LOWELL	
SUMMER / STEVENS		83 LOWELL	
15 PINE		LEFT ONTO CANTERBURY	
BROOKFIELD / ELM		17 CANTERBURY	
BROOKFIELD / FOX HILL		34 CANTERBURY (Take right into Stafford)	
ELM / FOX HILL		STAFFORD / WARWICK (Turn around in Warwick)	
BURTON FARM / WESTWIND		CANTERBURY / SCOTLAND	
ELM / SHIPMAN		29 COUNTRY CLUB LANE (turn around @ Cormier Drive, back to Canterbury)	
19 CHEEVER		RIGHT ONTO WESTMINSTER	
CHEEVER / JOHNSON		WESTMINSTER / WESCOTT	
JOHNSON / COOLIDGE		WESTMINSTER / SHADOW	
WALNUT / CEDAR		WESTMINSTER / CHANDLER CIRCLE	
WALNUT / CARMEL		11 CHANDLER CIRCLE (Right onto Lowell)	
14 WOLCOTT		LOWELL / KIRKLAND (For 161 Lowell)	
SUMMER / WASHINGTON		181 LOWELL STREET	
PARK / FLORENCE		WEST PARISH / BIRCH	
SUMMER / ELM		BIRCH / THRESHER (Left onto Lowell to Beacon)	
WALNUT / MAPLE		68 BEACON	
* 17 BURNHAM		BEACON / COUNTRY CLUB	
* BURNHAM / DUFON		CHANDLER / HAWTHORNE	
* BURNHAM / ROCK O'DUNDEE		CHANDLER / SAMOS	
* BURNHAM / ARUNDEL		66 CHANDLER	
* BURNHAM / CARISBROOKE		SOMERSET / SUFFOLK	
* YORK / BALMORAL		SOMERSET / NORWICH	
* BALMORAL / ARGYLE		SOMERSET / BEDFORD	
* LINWOOD		NORTH / BROOKSIDE	
* LINWOOD EXTENSION		144 NORTH	
* DUFON / ENMORE		TAKE A RIGHT ONTO RIVER ROAD	
* ENMORE / LINWOOD EXTENSION		12 RIVER	
* INBOUND FOR SHAWSHOEN SCHOOL ONLY - AFTERNOON OUTBOUND #30		BULFINCH @ CLUBHOUSE	
ROUTE 86		TAKE A LEFT ONTO RIVER TO WEBSTER	
BUS # 24 TROMBLY SCHOOL BUS		15 WEBSTER	
TIME: 7:50 A.M.		ROUTE 90	
STOP LOCATION		BUS # 20 PARENT BUS SERVICE	
NORTH / BROOKSIDE		TIME: 7:55 A.M.	
148 NORTH		STOP LOCATION	
12 RIVER		81 CHANDLER	
BULFINCH @ CLUBHOUSE		RIVER / BRUNDRETT	
15 WEBSTER		LAUNCHING / GEMINI	
SOMERSET / BEDFORD		LAUNCHING / APOLLO	
SOMERSET / NORWICH		RIVER / INWOOD	
SOMERSET / SUFFOLK		RIVER / WINCHESTER	
66 CHANDLER		GREYBIRCH / GREENBRIAR (BOTH ENDS)	
CHANDLER / SAMOS		104 CROSS	
CHANDLER / HAWTHORNE		84 CROSS	
BEACON / ANDOVER COUNTRY CLUB		BRADY / MONAHAN	
68 BEACON		FOREST HILL / SUGARBUSH	
181 LOWELL		FOREST HILL / SANDALWOOD	
WEST PARISH / BIRCH		FOREST HILL / ALPINE	
BIRCH / THRESHER		FOREST HILL / BRIERWOOD	
LOWELL / KIRKLAND		FOREST HILL / DEERBERRY	
94 LOWELL		260 CHANDLER	
83 LOWELL		CHANDLER / RICHARD	
17 CANTERBURY		CHANDLER / CLOVERFIELD	
34 CANTERBURY		IRONGATE / PAULINE	
STAFFORD / WARWICK		IRONGATE / SOUTHRIDGE	
CANTERBURY / SCOTLAND		176 BEACON	
29 ANDOVER COUNTRY CLUB LANE		BEACON / PAULORNETTE	
WESTMINSTER / WORTHEN		208 BEACON	
WESTMINSTER / WESCOTT		BEACON / NOEL	
WESTMINSTER / SHADOW		262 BEACON	
WESTMINSTER / CHANDLER CIRCLE		TIME TO SHAWSHOEN	
11 CHANDLER CIRCLE		TIME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S	
LOWELL / MARWOOD		OUTBOUND ONLY:	
(Outbound Bus #20)		LOWELL / MARWOOD	
TIME TO SHAWSHOEN		SHAWSHOEN / BRECHIN	
		155 SHAWSHOEN	

Andover High / Doherty

Bus 1 Route 04	
6:50	507 SOUTH MAIN
6:51	519 SOUTH MAIN
6:53	106 COLONIAL
6:54	COLONIAL / PATRIOT
6:55	COLONIAL / SOUTH MAIN
6:56	526 SOUTH MAIN
6:57	512 SOUTH MAIN
6:58	500 SOUTH MAIN
7:00	SOUTH MAIN / ROCKY HILL
7:01	432 SOUTH MAIN
7:01	ROCKY HILL / LINDA
7:02	LINDA / NANCY
7:02	392 SOUTH MAIN
7:03	SOUTH MAIN / SUNCREST
7:04	SOUTH MAIN / WEST KNOLL

Andover High

Bus 1 Route 08	
7:15	SUMMER / PINE
7:16	PINE / LUCERNE
7:17	BROOKFIELD / WOODCLIFF
7:18	ELM / ROCK RIDGE
7:19	ELM / ELYSIAN
7:20	ELM / BURTSON FARM

Wood Hill Middle

Bus 10 Route 30	
6:50	OSGOOD / KEYSTONE
6:51	OSGOOD / HEARTHSTONE
6:52	OSGOOD / APPLE BLOSSOM
6:54	OSGOOD / BLANCHARD
6:55	DEVONSHIRE / BLANCHARD
6:58	BELLEVUE / PRESTON
6:59	BELLEVUE / PATRICIA
7:01	359 LOWELL
7:02	LOWELL / GENEVA
7:03	400 LOWELL
7:05	LOWELL / WOOD HILL
7:06	129 HAGGETTS
7:07	155 HAGGETTS

Wood Hill Middle

Bus 10 Route 31	
7:20	RIVER / SHATTUCK
7:24	NORTH / BROOKSIDE
7:27	NORTH / SPRING VALLEY

Andover High Only

Bus 11 Route 24	
6:55	BOUTWELL / FREEMONT
6:56	PLEASANT / BOUTWELL
6:57	PLEASANT / KALIA
6:58	HIGH PLAIN / KNOLLCREST
6:59	HIGH PLAIN / HIGH MEADOW
7:00	HIGH PLAIN / PENNI
7:01	HIGH PLAIN / GOLDEN OAKS
7:02	HIGH PLAIN / PENDANT
7:03	HIGH PLAIN / DEERFIELD
7:05	278 HIGH PLAIN
7:06	235 HIGH PLAIN
7:07	235 HIGH PLAIN / OLD HIGHPLAIN
7:09	186 HIGH PLAIN

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 11 Route 27	
7:18	LOWELL / WINDEMERE
7:19	LOWELL / NOB HILL
7:20	LOWELL / GREENWOOD
7:21	8 GREENWOOD
7:22	22 GREENWOOD
7:23	GREENWOOD / TIFFANY
7:24	GREENWOOD / COTTONWOOD
7:25	GREENWOOD / STARWOOD
7:26	CANDLEWOOD / DEAN

Wood Hill Middle

Bus 12 Route 32	
6:50	NORTH / CHANDLER
6:52	10 WEBSTER
6:53	RIVER / BULFINCH
6:56	NORTH / RIVER
6:57	NORTH / SOMERSET
6:58	NORTH / JOSEPH
6:59	NORTH / MATTHEW
7:01	CHANDLER / GREENWOOD
7:02	GREENWOOD / PETTINGELL
7:03	GREENWOOD / DAIRY
7:04	GREENWOOD / GLEASON
7:05	GREENWOOD / STARWOOD
7:06	HIGH PLAIN / OLD HIGHPLAIN
7:07	235 HIGH PLAIN
7:08	344 HIGH PLAIN
7:09	HIGH PLAIN / PENDANT

Shawsheen School

Bus 29 / 30 Route 91	
8:30	197 HIGH
8:31	HIGH@DOCTORS PARK
8:33	HAVERHILL / STIRLING
8:34	STIRLING / WHITEMORE
8:35	STIRLING / SUTHERLAND
8:36	HAVERHILL / FLEMING
8:37	22 RIVERINA
8:39	WALKER / MCKENNEY
8:40	TOPPING / JULIETTE
8:41	5 JULIETTE
8:42	PRINCETON / HARVARD
8:43	PRINCETON / YALE
8:43	PRINCETON / GEORGE
8:43	PRINCETON / DARTMOUTH
8:44	22 CORBETT
MORNING INBOUND TO SHAWSHOEN ONLY	
AFTERNOON OUTBOUND ON BUS #30	



Secondary School Routes

Wood Hill Middle

Bus 12 Route 33	
7:15	271 CHANDLER
7:16	266 CHANDLER
7:17	254 CHANDLER
7:18	CHANDLER / BELLE ISLE
7:20	136 CHANDLER
7:21	140 CHANDLER
7:22	CHANDLER / CLOVERFIELD
7:23	CHANDLER / RICHARD
7:24	CHANDLER / DONALD
7:25	10 BRUNDRETT
7:26	BRUNDRETT / RIVER
7:27	RIVER / BRUNDRETT
7:28	209 RIVER
7:29	RIVER / LAUNCHING
7:30	239 RIVER
7:31	RIVER / FOSSEN
7:32	RIVER / INWOOD
7:33	RIVER / FOREST HILL
7:34	RIVER / CROSS

Andover High Only

Bus 13 Route 07	
6:50	RIVER / FOSSEN
6:51	RIVER / INWOOD
6:52	RIVER / FURNARI FARM
6:53	RIVER / WINCHESTER
6:55	RIVER / GREYBIRCH
6:56	RIVER / COBBLESTONE
6:57	RIVER / CROSS
6:58	RIVER / FOREST HILL
6:59	FOREST HILL / SUGARBUSH
7:00	CROSS / FOREST HILL
7:01	CROSS / BRADY

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 13 Route 42	
7:16	HIGH PLAIN / VIRGINIA
7:17	HIGH PLAIN / TURNER
7:18	HIGH PLAIN / ROLLING RIDGE
7:19	HIGH PLAIN / SPENCER
7:20	HIGH PLAIN / SERENITY
7:21	162 HIGH PLAIN
7:22	HIGH PLAIN / JUNIPER
7:23	JUNIPER / WOODHAVEN
7:24	CHANDLER / JUNIPER

Andover High

Bus 14 Route 18	
6:50	RIVER / SHATTUCK
6:51	RIVER / BRUNDRETT
6:52	209 RIVER
6:53	RIVER / LAUNCHING
6:55	LAUNCHING / GEMINI
6:57	CHANDLER / BELLE ISLE
6:58	CHANDLER / DONALD
6:59	196 CHANDLER
7:01	136 CHANDLER
7:02	CHANDLER / CHONGRIS
7:03	CHANDLER / GREENWOOD
7:05	CHANDLER / SAMOS
7:06	CHANDLER / HAWTHORNE

West Middle

Bus 14 Route 39	
7:20	UNION / KENILWORTH
7:21	UNION / BINNEY
7:22	UNION / SHEPLEY
7:23	FOWLER / WALKER
7:24	TOPPING / JULIETTE
7:25	CORBETT / TOPPING
7:26	CORBETT / GEORGE
7:27	CORBETT / PRINCETON
7:28	WILLIAM / POOR

Wood Hill Middle

Bus 15 Route 34	
6:50	BEACON / NOEL
6:53	IRONGATE / PAULINE
6:54	CHANDLER / IRONGATE
6:55	IRONGATE / CHANDLER
6:56	CHANDLER / SAMOS
6:57	CHANDLER / HAWTHORNE
6:58	CHANDLER / JUNIPER
6:59	JUNIPER / WOODHAVEN
7:00	HIGH PLAIN / JUNIPER
7:01	186 HIGH PLAIN

Wood Hill Middle

Bus 15 Route 35	
7:12	RIVER / FURNARI FARM
7:13	RIVER / COBBLESTONE
7:14	RIVER / GREYBIRCH
7:15	RIVER / WINCHESTER
7:16	RIVER / NOLLET
7:17	RIVER / RAVEN'S BLUFF
7:18	EVERY / STONEYBROOK
7:21	RIVER / PHEASANT
7:22	430 RIVER
7:23	464 RIVER
7:25	133 BAILE

BUS ROUTES



Secondary School Routes

Andover High / Doherty

Bus 29 Route 02

6:48 121 SALEM
6:49 SALEM / COVENTRY
6:50 SALEM / SETEN
6:51 GRAY / HARPER
6:52 45 GRAY
6:53 KORINTHIAN / DELPHI
6:54 KORINTHIAN / OLYMPIA
6:55 GRAY / TUCKER
6:56 SALEM / VINE
7:00 PROSPECT / BUCHAN
7:02 SALEM / PROSPECT
Andover High Only
SALEM / WOODLAND
Andover High Only

West Middle

Bus 3 Route 06

7:20 HAVERHILL / ENMORE
7:21 HAVERHILL / LINWOOD
7:22 HAVERHILL / STIRLING
7:24 HIGH / LONGWOOD
7:25 HIGH / OLDE BERRY
7:26 159 HIGH
7:28 BURNHAM / DUFTON
7:29 BURNHAM / ROCK O'DUNDEE
7:30 YORK / BALMORAL
7:31 HAVERHILL / YORK

Andover High / Doherty

Bus 3 Route 11

6:48 SOUTH MAIN / HIDDEN
6:49 277 SOUTH MAIN
6:51 301 SOUTH MAIN
6:52 SOUTH MAIN / HIDDEN
6:53 SOUTH MAIN / HIDDEN
6:54 ORCHARD CROSSING
6:55 349 SOUTH MAIN
6:56 BALLARDVALE
6:57 BALLARDVALE / PADDOCK
ROCK
7:00 SPRING GROVE / W HOLLOW
7:01 PORTER / SPRING GROVE
7:02 PORTER / TIMOTHY
Andover High Only
PORTER / HAMMOND
Andover High Only
PORTER / HIDDEN
Andover High Only

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 31 Route 20

7:14 ARGILLA / HOMESTEAD
7:15 ARGILLA / MEADOWVIEW
7:16 ARGILLA / NEWMAN HILL
7:17 BLOOD / APACHE
7:18 ARGILLA / PENACOOK
7:19 ARGILLA / FAIRFAX

7:20 ARGILLA / STRAWBERRY HILL
7:21 ARGILLA / ORIOLE
7:22 ORIOLE / RESERVATION
7:23 RESERVATION / MAYFLOWER
7:24 RESERVATION / PILGRIM
7:25 RESERVATION / WHISPERING
7:26 10 RESERVATION

Andover High

Bus 31 Route 41

6:50 18 WEBSTER
6:52 RIVER / BULFINCH
6:53 29 RIVER
6:54 RIVER@GL VOKE
6:56 RIVER / NORTH
6:57 NORTH / BROOKSIDE
7:00 NORTH / SPRING FLIGHT
7:01 NORTH / FUN FLIGHT
7:02 NORTH / WEBSTER
7:03 NORTH / SOMERSET
7:04 NORTH / JOSEPH
7:06 NORTH / MATTHEW
7:06 NORTH / GREENWOOD
7:07 NORTH / CHANDLER

Andover High / Doherty

Bus 4 Route 05

7:18 ORCHARD / SKOPELOS
7:19 ORCHARD / HOLT
7:20 WILDWOOD / SHAW
7:21 SHAW / CHATHAM
7:22 WILDWOOD / IVY
7:23 HOLT / VINE
7:24 HOLT / BLUEBERRY
7:25 HOLT / STINSON
7:26 HOLT / BANCROFT

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 4 Route 17

6:54 CLARK / BANNISTER
6:55 DASCOMB / OSGOOD
6:56 DASCOMB / CARRIAGE HILL
6:58 DASCOMB / CARDINAL
6:59 DASCOMB / PARTRIDGE HILL
7:00 DASCOMB / ACORN

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 5 Route 15

6:50 92 ANDOVER
6:51 119 ANDOVER
6:52 ANDOVER / CENTER
6:53 TEWKSBURY / CENTER
6:54 TEWKSBURY / MARLAND
6:55 ANDOVER / DALE
6:57 ANDOVER / RIVER
6:58 43 RIVER
6:59 RIVER / LOWELL JUNCTION
7:02 RIVER / LACONIA
7:03 70 RIVER
7:04 60 RIVER

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 5 Route 19

7:18 ANDOVER / MICHAEL'S WAY
7:19 ANDOVER / HERITAGE
7:20 ANDOVER / DELSIO
7:21 71 ANDOVER
7:22 DASCOMB / WABANAKI
7:23 DASCOMB / ALGONQUIN
7:24 DASCOMB / DURHAM
7:25 DASCOMB / CRESTWOOD

Doherty Middle

Bus 6 Route 13

7:16 WOBURN / ANDOVER
7:17 WOBURN / CHARLOTTE
7:18 WOBURN / ISLAND
7:20 ENFIELD / MILLSTONE
7:22 BALLARDVALE / TILTON
7:23 BALLARDVALE / TEABERRY
7:25 BALLARDVALE / WYNCREST

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 6 Route 16

6:50 ANDOVER / HALL
6:51 HALL / BRADLEY
6:52 CLARK / HALL
6:53 CHESTER / MITTON

6:54 YARDLEY / GARFIELD
6:56 YARDLEY / COPLEY
6:57 TEWKSBURY / PINE CONE
6:58 TEWKSBURY / REDGATE
6:59 TEWKSBURY / MOLLY
7:00 TEWKSBURY / POLE HILL

Andover High / Doherty

Bus 7 Route 09

6:50 439 SOUTH MAIN
6:51 SOUTH MAIN / COTTAGE
6:52 469 SOUTH MAIN
6:53 6 COUNTY
6:54 COUNTY / BOSTON
6:55 COUNTY / MORNINGSIDE
6:56 MORNINGSIDE / GLENWOOD
COUNTY / GLENWOOD

Andover High

Bus 7 Route 14

7:15 ABBOT / SPRING GROVE
7:16 2 WOBURN
7:17 WOBURN / BAYBERRY
7:18 ANDOVER / WOBURN
7:20 BALLARDVALE / TEABERRY
7:21 BALLARDVALE / TILTON
7:22 BALLARDVALE / ENFIELD
7:23 ENFIELD / MILLSTONE
7:24 WOBURN / ENFIELD
7:25 WOBURN / CHARLOTTE

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 8 Route 21

6:50 BEACON / PAULORNETTE
6:51 BEACON / NOEL
6:55 IRONGATE / PAULINE
6:56 CHANDLER / IRONGATE
7:00 GREENWOOD / PETTINGELL
7:01 GREENWOOD / DAIRY
7:02 GREENWOOD / GLEASON
7:03 GREENWOOD / STARWOOD

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 8 Route 22

7:17 DASCOMB / GLEN MEADOW
7:18 LOVEJOY / TALBOT
7:19 LOVEJOY / BRIDLE PATH
7:20 LOVEJOY / HANSON
7:21 LOVEJOY / COMANCHE
7:22 LOVEJOY / IROQUOIS
7:23 LOVEJOY / ALONESOS

Andover High / West Middle

Bus 9 Route 23

7:15 LOWELL / WEST PARISH
7:16 WEST Middle Only
7:17 CUTLER / BATESON
7:18 ARGILLA / BATESON
7:19 WILDROSE / HICKORY
7:21 SWEETBRIAR / HEMLOCK
7:22 WILDROSE / HOLLY
7:23 LOVEJOY / WILL O'WAY
7:24 LOVEJOY / FAIRWAY

Andover High

Bus 9 Route 25

6:48 OSGOOD / HEARTHSTONE
6:49 OSGOOD / KEYSTONE
6:50 OSGOOD / APPLE BLOSSOM
6:51 126 OSGOOD
6:52 OSGOOD / BLANCHARD
6:53 BLANCHARD / DEVONSHIRE
6:54 BELLEVUE / GRANLI
6:55 82 BELLEVUE
6:56 BELLEVUE / REGIS
6:57 BROWN / DECA
6:58 27 BROWN
6:59 9 BROWN
7:03 410 LOWELL

Info for kindergarten parents regarding school transportation

Students attending kindergarten classes at Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn, Shawshen, South or West elementary schools ride on the regular route buses once a day.

Note that bus stops on the regular routes and the midday kindergarten routes may be different.

For students attending morning session: Parents should refer to the regular routes for their school and neighborhood for inbound transportation bus stop and time of pick-up. At the end of the morning session, students are transported home on the midday kindergarten buses. Refer to the AM route for the approximate time of drop-off

in your neighborhood.

For students attending afternoon session: Parents should refer to the midday PM kindergarten routes for inbound transportation bus stop and time of pick-up for their neighborhood. At the end of the afternoon session, students are transported home on the regular bus routes.

Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn, South & West elementary schools

► Bus routes that have an early pick-up time in the morning and arrive at school around 8:15 a.m. are first bus trips and will leave the school at the end of the day first also. Please be at regular routing bus stops for

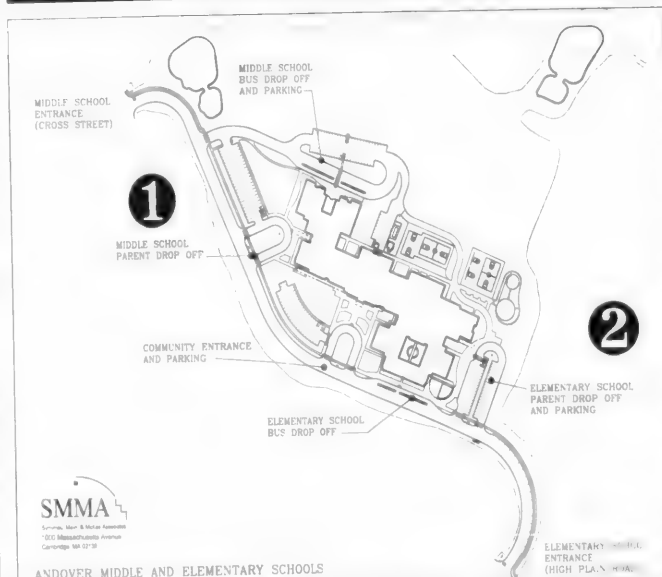
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 Agramonte, Edwin
 Andre, Malina
 Ardagna, Michael
 Arnold, Connor
 Belanger, Tyler
 Benedix, Christian
 Benenati, Vincent
 Bengston, Alexandra
 Bergan, Rachel
 Bernstein, Meredith
 Biles, Caroline
 Blideau, Meredith
 Blanford, Kathryn
 Bradley, James
 Burke, Caitlin
 Burke, Sean M.
 Cappello, Kristina
 Cheney, Matthew
 Coney, Kristen
 Conley, John
 Conway, Michelle
 Cooney, Shannon
 Cross, Ela
 Evans, Olivia
 Fairweather, Christophe

Miller, Jessica M.
O'Brien, Drew
Ostrosky, Sarah
Paonessa, Danielle
Paonessa, Heather
Pattisam, Snidrya
Peracchi, John
Pisano, Jordan
Potts, Erica
Quinn, Sarah
Rangwalla, Shaheen
Ring, Jacob
Stephens, James
Sullivan, Heather
Sullivan, Kelly
Tauscher, Evan
Terzakis, Nicholas
Topp, Brandon
Trageser, Russell
Voorthes, Caitlin
Wadbrook, Jarrett
Weiss, Samuel
Wiener, Michelle
Yaghmoorian, Ryan

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JOAN VEZNAIAN, LAU
STELLA, KATHLEEN R.
AND SUE HEALY.
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room A007:
Beasley, Blair
Binder, Nicholas
Bovia, Sean
Braune, Richard
Bruce, Alexander

Cairns, Leah
Campinell, Jennifer
Carroll, Alexandra
Carroll, Andrew
Chan, Michael
Connearney, Andrea
Dean-Ganek, Aaron
Dougherty, Reed
Frerichs, Corey
Gatland, Louis
Gladstein, Jaclyn
Goodman, Alexander
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Hansen, Christopher
Hirsh, Andrew
Hosmer, Daniel
Hu, David
Huang, Cassie
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Ingold, Amber
Kanell, Andrew
Kieger, Michelle
LaMark, Katherine
Lemay, Andrew
Macheras, Alexander
Massey, Laura
McNamara, Sarah
Mickle, Robert
Muscattello, Shannon
Newton, Matthew
Reilly, Michael
Retelle, Richard
Rillahan, Kyle
Shi, Qiamli
Shin, Christopher
Silva, Alyssa
Somma, Matthew
Thiele, Sarah

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 Anderson, Vincent
 Barwick, Lauren
 Beasley, Derrick
 Becker, Cassandra
 Blanford, Thomas
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 Calin, Sebastian
 Carroll, Bridget
 Chase, Sean
 Christopher, Cayley
 Cohen, Betsy
 Crawford, Kimberly
 Crowley, Marc
 Dai, Tina
 Dampousse, Carolyn
 Dargomian, Kristen
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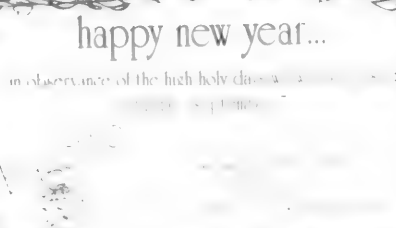
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Shute, Nicole
Sullivan, Ann
Sullivan, Christopher
Taylor, Michael
Vasilakis, Victoria
Walsh, Devin
Watts, Caitlin
Wrightson, Rebecca
Ye, Simon
Zuckerman, Abigail

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ZENOSKY, ERIN MANSHIP.

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Biles, Erin
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Buendia, Haley
Buitenhuis, Bradley
Burgess, Lindsey
Burke, Robert
Canelo, Omira

Canelo, Raidy
Cheng, John
Christensen, Jonathan
Coiro, Renee
Cooney, Brandon
Daniels, Thomas
DeJesus, Elizabeth
DelGrego, Mary
Espinola, Jillian
Evans, Emily
Fang, Katherine
Fantini, Amanda
Fantini, Camille
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Feinberg, Jennifer
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Fox, Rachel
Fung, Ryan
Gaffney, James
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Games, Ashlyn
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Goldman, Isaac

Gonzalez, Jerica
Grochick, Michael
Guidoboni, Kyla
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Hakam, Sangeen
Heath, Colleen
Hills, Shawn
Hoffman, Timothy
Hughes, Whitney
Hunt, Christopher
Ientile, Nicholas
Jee, Janelle
Jin, Sol
Johnson, Rebecca
Kosta, Alexander
Kouletis, Lillian
Kurkul, Kevin
Labrecque, Randy
Landy, Benjamin
Lawrence, Chandra
Lee, Matthew
Li, Yan
Lieberman, Dean
Lipton, Justin

Liu, Alexander
MacKay, Daniel
Martin, Lauren
McKain, Emilee
McMahon, Matthew
McNiff, Sean
Mejia, Mike
Michalik, Thomas
Nisco, Christopher
Nitzberg, Jessica
Nolan, Joseph
O'Hagan, Ryan
Ochs, Stephen
Paone, Dante
Park, Rebecca
Pelletier, Mark
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Rosenberg, Roni
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Schoen, Holly
Shaw, Peter
Shu, Michael
Smith, Jessica
Somma, Michael
Spoto, Meredith
Tassinari, Nicholas
Thibodeau, Andrew
Torres, Roselin
Traub, Jonathan
Wang, Charles
Wise, Elizabeth
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Yoon, Joo
Yu, Christopher

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Brennan, Colin
Caims, Rebecca
Campbell, Daniel
Carroll, Christian
Casey, Donal
Chan, Stephen
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Conley, Christina
Culian, Jake
Esmail, Karina
Fenchis, Ryan
Grewal, Victoria
Grimotes, Brian
Hempstead, Sarah
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Kamineni, Meghana
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Lightner, Kyle

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Lippa, Alexander
LoMedico, Sarah
Massey, Craig
Moya, Jasmin
O'Connell, Erik
Paonessa, Paul
Parker, Christopher
Perry, Laura
Reed, Michael
Riddle, Arthur
Robbat, Alycia
Roberge, Kelly
Rodriguez, Kiria
Roman, Peter
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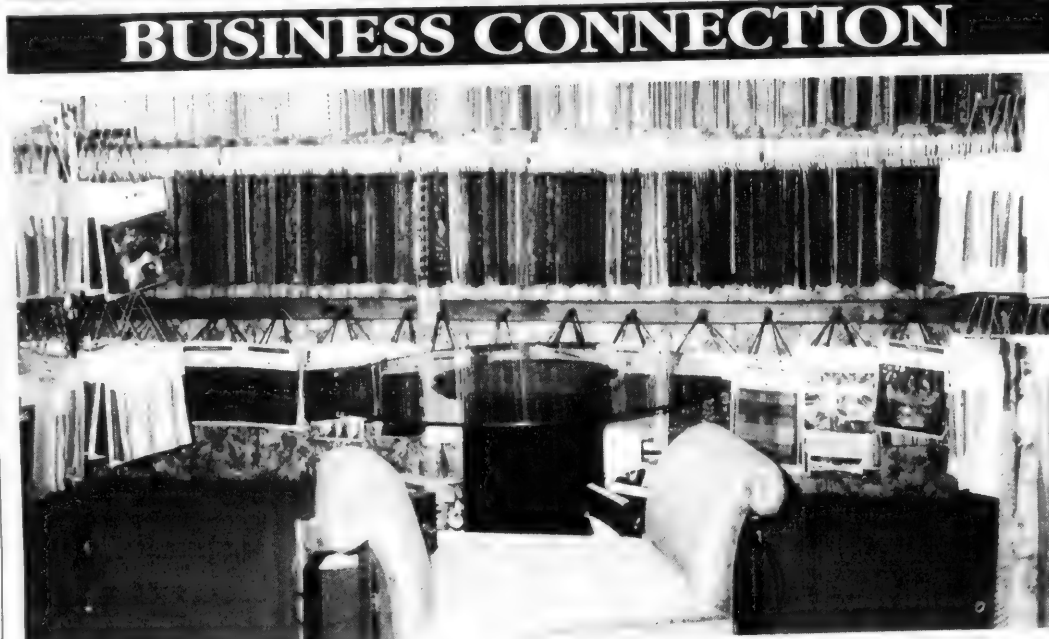
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Sports

Fall teams: Ready to make a splash

Close-up of girls swim and dive, girls soccer, boys soccer, girls volleyball squads

By Rick Harrison

Today the Townsman begins previews of the nine 2002 Andover High fall varsity sports teams with in-depth looks at the girls soccer, girls swim and dive, boys soccer and girls volleyball squads.

GIRLS SOCCER

With six returning starters and 11 letter-winners overall, the 2002 Andover High girls varsity soccer team hopes to surpass last fall's regular season won-lost record and once again come alive in the MIAA Tournament.

After posting a 12-7 mark to qualify, the locals kicked it into high gear when it mattered most.

The Lady Warriors won their third Division 1 North championship with consecutive victories over Medford (4-0), Chelmsford (3-1), Lincoln-Sudbury (4-3) and Newton North (1-0 in overtime).

The campaign finally came to a halt with a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to nationally-ranked Notre Dame Academy of Hingham in the state semifinals.

Head coach Dick Loschi enters his 18th season with 11 league titles, 16 tournament appearances and a 244-68-23 overall won-lost-tied record.

Top graduates were all-time school scoring leader Katie Kramer, who had 26 goals and 10 assists last year, goalkeeper Kaitlin Hyde (eight shutouts) and defenders Lisa Tylus, Natasha Camilo, Allison Dexter and Kaitlin Hill.

Kramer, who is still bothered by congenital leg problems that plagued her throughout her All-Scholastic high school career, is attending the University of Michigan on scholarship where she plans to play soccer this fall.

The half-dozen returning starters are senior forward and Capt. Jenny Muller, senior defender and Capt. Julia Gatti, senior midfielder and Capt. Meghan Charlebois, senior forward Ashley Faulk, senior defender Courtney Hale and sophomore midfielder Jackie Powers.

Muller scored 19 goals and distributed 10 assists last fall, and has 44 goals and 21 assists over her three varsity seasons. Ashley Faulk netted eight goals last year.

Other lettermen among the 65 original candidates are senior goalkeeper Brooke Torre, junior defender Layal Hanna, senior midfielder Sloan McCauley and senior defenders Samantha Hughes and Jackie Alexander.

Torre participated in three of the team's eight shutouts last fall.

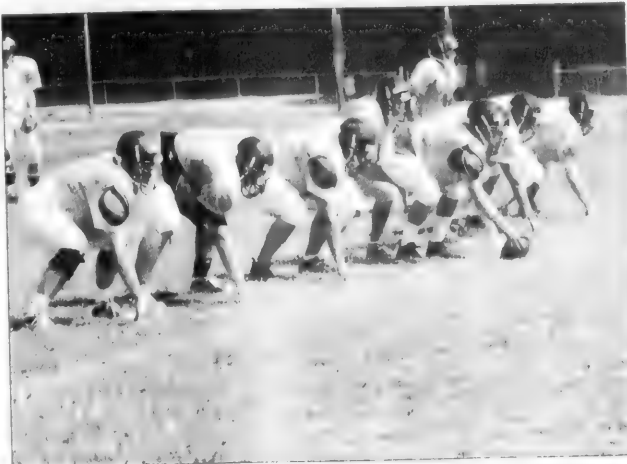
Varsity newcomers include a pair of goalkeepers, sophomore Micaela Smith and junior Arianna Miliotis, along with senior forward Emily Gentile.

Juniors are forwards Allison Kerivan and Lindsey Timko, midfielder Erica Weeks and defenders Megan Finn, Mallory Jaracz and Jeanne Lothrop.

Joining Powers as the only sophomores is midfielder Brittany Moriarty.

The lone freshman on the varsity will be midfielder Emily Pallotta who has drawn rave reviews in the pre-season.

The majority of newcomers are products of the successful 2001 JV and freshman teams, which lost only three games between them.



Among the Andover High teams that held tryouts for the fall varsity season last week were the football and girls field hockey teams. The Townsman will preview all nine 2002 Andover High fall varsity sports teams with in-depth profiles. Four teams are previewed this week.

"We have a very solid nucleus of players," said coach Loschi. "It's an intelligent group that understands the game well."

"We should be very good defensively and at midfield where Charlebois, McCauley and Pallotta are skilled and aggressive."

"We have to figure out how to replace the 26 goals we lost with the graduation of Kramer. Jenny Muller should continue her scoring and we're expecting good things offensively from Jackie Powers," said Loschi.

AHS whitewashed Canton, 3-0, in its first pre-season scrimmage and had other practice games scheduled against New Hampshire state champ Trinity High of Manchester, Woburn (tomorrow) and Acton-Boxboro at home next Wednesday (4 p.m.).

The season opener is Sept. 10 at home under the lights at Lovely Field versus new archrival Central Catholic (7 p.m.).

The typically impressive list of non-league opponents includes Marian High of Framingham, Bishop Fenwick of Peabody, Notre Dame Academy of Hingham (twice), North Andover and Pentucket Regional.

New Jersey powerhouse Kearny High, located in a small town northwest of Trenton, will also be in the area to play Andover and North Andover back-to-back on Sept. 13 and 14.

"They were nationally-ranked last year and I met their former coach at a clinic this summer," said Loschi. "We set up the games then — and even though they have a new coach they want to honor the commitment to play us."

"It should be a very good test for our girls and it will be interesting to see how we do."

In the Merrimack Valley Conference, Loschi expects Chelmsford (coached by former AHS standout Anne Mumane), Central Catholic and Billerica to be tough in Division 1.

"Chelmsford is moving up to Division 1 and they will have to play the established teams twice each," said Loschi. "Anne has done a terrific job with the program and I expect that will continue."

"Central lost a lot through graduation but should still be strong, and Billerica is always

at or near the top

"Tewksbury has the (high-scoring Jackie) Greer girl back and should be the team to beat in Division 2."

Returning as assistant coaches are Tim Smith (JV) and former AHS multi-sport standout Jen Griffin (freshmen)

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

It's tough enough to win one state championship — but the Andover High girls swim and dive team is looking to become the best in Massachusetts for the fourth consecutive year.

The Lady Warriors won their third straight All-State Championship last November, piling up a record-shattering 319 points to almost double the total of runner-up and Merrimack Valley Conference archrival Chelmsford (167.5).

Coach Marilyn Fitzgerald's locals also went 13-0 in dual meets, extending their win streak to 35 in a row, and captured the MVC and North Sectional team titles.

Eighteen seniors graduated from that squad including multi-time, multi-event (200 IM, 500 free) state champ Sally Brown who is now competing for Auburn University.

Also sorely missed will be Holly Boucher (Boston College) and top two divers Kristin Elmore (University of Vermont) and Becky Hass (Tufts University).

Also about to start their freshman years in college are state title team members Allie Bentley (Eastern Carolina), Ellie Browne (William & Mary), Erica Douvadjian (UNH), Kaitlin Haugh (Clemson), Dana Henderson (URI), Christiana Kuipers (Wheaton), Bahaar Massizadehgan (UMass Amherst), Kristy McCarthy (UTexas-San Antonio), Edie Muller (Bryant), Mairin Neri (Marist), Catie Newman (James Madison), Namphoung Nguyen (UMass Amherst), Caitlin O'Malley (Boston College) and Rosana Webb (UMass Lowell).

Despite the mass exodus there still appears to be more than enough talent on hand to secure that fourth straight title.

"Sally (Brown) and Holly (Boucher) accounted for 80 points at states last year and that's a lot to lose," said Fitzgerald. "We have to find those points among the returners

or have a few newcomers step up."

"We do have several freshmen and sophomores that look like they can step into the shoes of the departed and score at the state level."

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AHS fall teams

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

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A-B, a perennial state power and winner of numerous titles before Andover started its dynastic reign, figures to be the locals' top challenger for All State honors in November.

The Lady Warriors should once again own the MVC as even top contender Chelmsford has slipped a bit from recent years.

In 10 varsity seasons as head coach Fitzgerald has an 85-24 win-loss record in dual meets.

BOYS SOCCER

The Mike Wartman Era will officially begin at the season opener Sept. 6 in Ipswich, as the highly-successful AHS boys tennis coach takes control of an equally-impressive boys soccer program.

Golden Warrior soccer flourished for almost three decades under Hall of Fame coach Dave Amundsen, who guided his teams to 313 wins, 10 Merrimack Valley Conference titles and 20 appearances in the Division 1 North Tournament.

Amundsen retired from both teaching and coaching earlier this year, and in June the reins were turned over to his longtime assistant.

"Andover teams were always very strong under Dave's leadership," said 13-year JV coach Wartman. "He built a solid foundation and we intend to keep it that way."

"Past success, and a terrific youth program, will help us remain a formidable opponent. Everyone always play hard against Andover. That's not going to change. And neither is our commitment to excellence."

The AHS boys went 11-7-3 overall last season, beating Malden Catholic and East Boston in the MIAA Tournament before being ousted by perennial power St. John's Prep of Danvers in the North quarter-final round.

The top three scorers from 2001 — Chris Brouillard, Matt Bengston and Mike Grieco — graduated along with goalkeeper Greg Mongeau

(eight shutouts), Jon Konjoian, Ryan Piazza, Rob Lakow and Mark Murphy.

Bengston is playing soccer down south at Elon College and Konjoian is a walk-on at the University of Rhode Island.

Wartman and his staff, JV coach Jim Saalfrank and former AHS player Matt Yost (freshmen), greeted 75 candidates at the first pre-season workout.

"We have 13 lettermen back but only five were starters," said Wartman. "Varsity soccer will be a new experience for a few of us, including me."

The returning starters are senior forward and Capt. Anthony DiLorenzo (six goals last year), senior midfielder/defender and Capt. Nick Brucato, senior midfielder and Capt. Mike Corey, senior defender Cory Rillahan and senior midfielder Brian Murphy.

Other lettermen on the 22-player roster, all of whom saw some action last fall, are junior midfielder Tim Bengston, senior midfielder Hisanori Yamaguchi, senior forward/midfielder Adam Davison, senior midfielder Dave Kaplan, senior forward/midfielder Mike Zammuto, junior forward/midfielder Tyler Hopkins, junior keeper/midfielder Jarrett Mackin and sophomore keeper Mike Canepa.

Newcomers are senior defenders Dan Booth, Travis Gagnon and Rob Ginsberg, senior midfielders Steve Gerstein and Jon Harb, junior defender Tim Dugan, junior middle Ash Edmonds, junior goalie Pat Twomey and sophomore midfielder Greg Spurr.

"The kids have initially come together well as a team," said Wartman, who also coached soccer at Londonderry, N.H. middle school before coming to Andover. "We've moved the ball well in our early scrimmages."

The locals have played practice games against Masconomet Regional and Somerville, while ahead are

tomorrow night's Bedford High Jamboree and a Labor Day scrimmage with Middlesex Leaguers Wakefield.

After the opener on the road versus Cape Ann League member and first-time opponent Ipswich, the Golden Warriors launch the Merrimack Valley Conference schedule Sept. 10 at Division 1 rival Lowell.

The annual Andover/North Andover Invitational is Sept. 12 and 14, with Andover facing Pentucket Regional of West Newbury in the opening round at North Andover. The other semifinal pairs Haverhill and North Andover.

Additional non-league games are home against state powers St. John's Prep (Sept. 23), Duxbury (Oct. 12) and Somerville (Oct. 26).

"We have a very formidable non-league schedule," said Wartman, "and our league should be very competitive."

"The MVC seems to get stronger every year. Teams that have been at or near the top for awhile include Central Catholic, Dracut, Chelmsford, Lowell and Billerica. There are no soft touches."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The T-shirts worn by the Andover High girls volleyball team bear the words "Tradition Never Graduates."

In other words, although the 2002 squad has only one returning starter it doesn't mean the Lady Warriors can't be a title contender once again.

"We've had teams wiped out by graduation that have turned out to be among the best in our history," said veteran coach George Sullivan. "You never know when another Robin Young or Julie Marvin (All-Scholastic and league MVPs) will come along."

The AHS volleyballers will be without eight players who sparked the team to an 18-4 record last fall, with three of the four losses to Chelmsford and the other to 2000 state champ Barnstable.

Gone are dominant Merrimack Valley Conference co-MVP Julie Marvin, All-Conference six-footers Megan Pinksten and Shannon Sweeney, Andrea Manners, Jackie Barry, Hilary Cohen, Kelly McLaughlin and Courtney Gatlin. Marvin is playing at Harvard Uni-

versity this fall and Pinksten at Assumption College.

The initial turnout of 47 candidates is the biggest in several years, and the 19 freshman hopefuls are the most ever from that class.

"The freshman turnout was very encouraging," said Sullivan. "There are some talented players in the group."

The lone returning starter is junior middle hitter and Capt. Ashley McLaughlin.

Five other letterwinners are back, led by senior setter/outside hitter and Capt. Katie Cail and junior middle hitter Meagan Merinder who ended last season with an outstanding tournament effort against Chelmsford.

Other veterans are junior hitter Adrienne Hinds, senior hitter Cate Rauseo and senior defender Jamie Huston.

Seniors new to the squad are defender Alik Apelian and outside hitter/defender Lauren Underhill.

Juniors are defenders Kerri O'Dea, Laura Lamontagne and hitters Grisel Vasquez and Stephanie Krey.

Two sophomores and four freshman will probably split time between the varsity and JV teams.

The 10th graders are defender/setter Erin Korte and outside hitter Kaitlin Jackson, while the ninth graders are defender Ashley Ahern, hitters Samantha Kervin, Jenny Merinder and setter Kelly O'Dea.

"We have some size and we're going to surprise people this year," said Sullivan. "It appears to be another great group of kids. The attitude is excellent."

The coach was pleased with what he saw at the first Play Day last weekend at Salem, N.H. High.

Andover will host a pair of Play Days tomorrow and again on Sept. 7 at the Dunn Gym.

The regular season opener is Sept. 10 at home against MVC foe Lowell.

The non-league schedule includes matches at perennial state champ Barnstable and home versus Lexington and Newton South.

"The conference will be tough and competitive," said Sullivan. "Haverhill is big (tall) and returns everyone from last year. We saw Chelmsford at the Play Day and they already look very

good defensively. Billerica should also have its best team in awhile."

Assistant coaches once again are Art Iworsley and Dennis Aikman, while former conference MVP and current Williams College student Robin Young is occasionally on hand as a volunteer assistant.

The league has shifted to the NCAA rally scoring system this year. A team must score 30 points to win a game (before it was 15) and one point will be awarded on every serve (in the

past many serves resulted only in a change of possession).

"It works well for the college teams and I think our kids are going to like it, too," said Sullivan.

Coach Sullivan, who collected his 200th career win early last season, has a 214-108 overall win-lost record.

His teams have gone to the Division 1 North Tournament all but two of the past 15 seasons.

USA U13 team enters 2002 Haarlem Cup as Challengers, comes home as champions

Jesse L. Carroll, 19 Jenkins Road, joined the People to People Sports Ambassador Program this year, with a golden outcome. Jesse participated in the 2002 Haarlem Cup Youth Soccer Tournament that took place July 23-27 in Amsterdam, Holland.

This European tournament attracted more than 30 nations and 500 teams under 19 years of age from around the world. Diverse playing styles, high levels of competition and a location rich in soccer heritage makes this one of the finest youth soccer tournaments in the world, organizers said.

Jesse represented not only the United States, but also the Andover Soccer Association (ASA) during the tournament. Jesse has played for Doug Reed's Flash select U12 and U14 teams in the ASA for the last three years.

The Soccer Sports Ambassador Program consisted of 300 male and female sports competitors from across the US this year. Fifty-seven U13 players congregated in Dusseldorf, Germany with their US coaches and Dutch trainers for team formation. After four days of training in the 11 v 11 format, four U13 USA teams were formed and traveled to Amsterdam, Holland for the tournament.

Jesse and the USA U13 male soccer team, the Challengers, won the championship game in their U13 bracket after playing seven competitive tournament games. They defeated a Dutch team, Real Sranang, 1 to 0, to clinch the gold medal for the USA.

This program was created by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to promote youth sports ambassadors from across the United States. Their goal was to break down the cultural differences between nations in a competitive sports environment during the Cold War.



Jesse Carroll took part in the 2002 People to People Sports Ambassador Program in the Haarlem Cup Youth Soccer Tournament in Amsterdam, Holland — winning one of the first male youth soccer gold medals in the program's 46-year history.

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Arts & Entertainment



Andover quilter Signe Kaleel poses with a children's book and her reproduction of the quilt featured in the book.

Quilt show hooks in two Andover quilters

By Judy Wakefield

Quilts by two Andover women are among the 30 chosen for a juried exhibition currently showing at a Lowell museum.

Entitled *From the Mills: Contemporary Quilters, Historic Designs*, the show features colorful, classically-designed quilts that offer an appealing mix of old and new fabrics. Andover has a hook on this show and it is classically pointed at quilters Signe Kaleel and Judith Hellner, both of Andover.

"It's subtle colors with a darker background. So, I needed sharp points. I wanted the points to be defined so the points are colored... a little red, a little gold. It's very mixed colors," explained Kaleel when asked to describe her quilt. She's a fourth-generation quilter who grew up in the Appalachian Mountains and now lives on Sioux Circle.

Her quilt is a mariner's compass design, a pattern designed about 10 years ago by yet another Andover quilter — Carla Cook.

Kaleel's daughter, Sarah, helped her mother chose the pattern and the array of fabrics that were pieced together. Mother and daughter attended a Connecticut quilt show and flipped through a book about quilt fabrics from the 1800s to help with the quilt design. Kaleel, who loves antique fabrics, particularly mixing them with more contemporary fabrics, began the piecing process. That also explains the name of the quilt in the show, which is "Sarah's Quilt."

In addition, Kaleel is especially pleased to be taking part in a show that also features a quilt by her teacher and mentor, Judith Hillner, also of Andover.

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Turn for the worse for Andover's arts and cultural community

The waiting game for state budget numbers is over — and the news isn't good

By Judy Wakefield

As expected, Andover-based cultural groups will indeed take big budget cuts as the state's cultural budget has been slashed by some 60 percent.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council met this week and released its budget for FY 2003. The budget is about \$7.2 million, down from \$19.1 million in FY 2002.

That means local cultural programs that get state grants will have their budgets cut by more than half. Andover groups got a total of about \$90,000 this year. Next year, the total is about \$36,350.

Here is a closer look at the numbers for the five local cultural groups affected.

- Andover Cultural Council got \$8,640 this fiscal year and will get \$3,220 next fiscal year.

- Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy got \$15,000 this fiscal year and will get \$5,700 next fiscal year.

- Andover Chamber Music Series will go from \$3,230 to \$1,500.

- New England Classical Singers will go from \$3,110 to \$1,500.

- Northeast Document Conservation Center got \$64,300 this fiscal year and will get \$24,430 next fiscal year.

Adam Weinberg, director at Addison Gallery, said Tuesday that his grant money is used for school-based programs. The gallery has had hundreds of school children from around the state visit the gallery. The gallery used the money to pay for these visits and at least one city's transportation.

At the Northeast Document



Local cultural groups including Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery will have a hard time finding funding for exhibits like this summer's *SiteLines*, a special presentation of nine artists, including Arthur Ganson and his *Thought-O-Gram*, shown here.

Conservation Center, located in Brickstone Square, the director has said there will be no job cuts as a result of their budget being slashed by nearly \$40,000.

Rather, community outreach programs will be impacted.

"We are conservators on the road around the state, available to consult with church groups,

historical societies, town and city governments," said last week. "This [the cuts] will put a temporary ability to meet with these groups."

Spying on Andover native's suspense thriller

Author lands screenplay contract for *Lust for Danger*

By Judy Wakefield

An Andover native turned spy novelist has signed a screenplay contract for her just-published book, *Lust for Danger*.

The name is Brooks, K.S. Brooks. And, like Bond, James Bond, she, too, favors plots that revel in outrageous settings and stunts for a super-cop character taking on the evildoers of the world.

Screenplay specifics are sketchy. But the bottom line is that iProductions, Inc. has bought the rights to the book. The company is a young firm, specializing in suspense and thrillers, Brooks said.

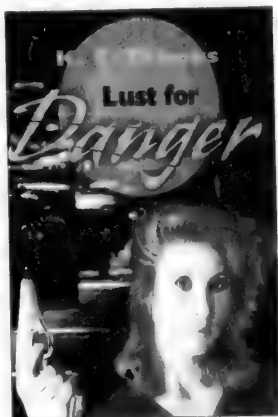
"The time frame for *Lust for Danger* hitting the big screen is a moving target," explained Brooks, who graduated from Andover High School in 1981 and now lives on Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

"The screenplay has been incredibly well-received, and

anything could happen at any time."

Her crime thriller centers around Agent Night whose adventures span the globe.

Brooks spent a lot of time with books and videos about various countries as she describes herself as "hugely into believability" and takes pride in it. For example, when talking with the *Townsmen* last November (Nov. 8,



There's more in store for K.S. Brooks' book, *Lust for Danger*, than the author ever imagined.

2001 issue) she said many of the stunts featured in the book she tried herself — to a point.

"There's a scene in the book where Agent Night is tied to a post in a river and the water is over her head. To try to experience that, I filled my sink and held my head under water for as long as possible. It

was incredibly painful," she said.

She also visits gun shops and gun galleries to get a grip on the

best guns to use for Agent Night, who currently packs a 9-mm called Sig P230.

Originally, she thought James Bond movies were so ridiculous that she wanted to do a satire on them. But, a female version of Bond evolved in the writing process and now Brooks says Night is better than Bond, hands down.

Brooks is clearly not short on ambition, as she aspires to write a series of Agent Night books. Seven is her target.

Lust for Danger, available at <Amazon.com>, <Borders.com> or from Brooks' Web site: <www.ksbrooks.com>, is her action-packed launch book and readers can be assured that they need to hang on for any subsequent books.

"They're (iProductions) already requesting information on my sequel," Brooks said. "It's been a thrilling ride so far."

WHAT'S UP

Essex Art Center: A work in progress

By David Tanklefsky

Most painters never pick up a brush without a plan. Like wise, the folks at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence developed a plan for success back in 1993 and they are working on a masterpiece.

The Essex Art Center began its planning nine years ago when it opened a small art workshop for kids. Back then, the art center was located on the ground level and occupied only two rooms of a building on Essex Street. Today, the art center takes up an entire building and has seen its programs grow by leaps and bounds.

"We have grown in all aspects," says Lashie Costello, founding member of the art center. "When we started out we had only three employees and a very small workshop. We grew

out of that original workshop within our first 18 months of existence. Today we have an entire building, five full-time employees, and over 50 local artists who help out."

The art center, a non-profit organization, is now located on So. Island St. in Lawrence. It offers programs for Merrimack Valley kids ages 7 to 16. During the school year, the center offers after-school programs from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This year, the art center will also continue to run the art program for two area charter schools: Family Day School and the Developmental School. The center covers all aspects of art, from painting to sculpture, photography to working in clay.

An impressive list of recent art center building sales

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, August 29

Author talk. David Kruh on *The Curse of the Bambino*, the story of Babe Ruth, Red Sox and more, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 978-688-9505.

Debate. sponsored by the Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co., the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, a democratic gubernatorial debate; candidates include: Thomas Birmingham, Massachusetts Senate president; Shannon O'Brien, state treasurer; Warren Tolman; and Robert Reich (invited), moderated by Ken Johnson, of the *Eagle-Tribune*, free, 7-8:30 p.m., Haverhill City Hall Auditorium, second floor, 4 Summer St., Haverhill; 978-373-5663.

Storytellers Night, hosted by Bill Sullivan, 8-10 p.m., \$8, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washing-

ton St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>

Friday, August 30

Live comedy. Jon Fische, Harrison Stebbins, Anne Maneikis, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy. Bill Campbell, Mike Bent, Rebecca Walker, 9 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live music. Kyle Shiver, singer-songwriter, 8 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live music. Jennifer Daniels, 9 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live music. Strictly Sinatra, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Saturday, August 31

Animal presentation. Harold Parker State Forest Campground presents Curious Creatures, live animal presentation, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m., free, Harold Parker State Forest Campground, above Frye Pond beach; 978-729-6073.

Arts and Crafts Festival. 300 juried craftsmen, artisans, \$4, under 14 free, free parking, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine, Topsfield Fairgrounds; 603-755-2166, <www.castleberry.com>

Auction. Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry, proceeds used for Christmas decorations and activities, preview 11 a.m. auction noon, Market Square, Newburyport, <www.newburyportchamber.org>

Oil painting demonstration. with painter Laura Stover, 10 a.m., \$4, North Shore Arts Association, 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Live comedy. Bill Campbell, Mike Bent, Rebecca Walker, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH

Live comedy. Jon Fische, Harrison Stebbins, Anne Maneikis, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music. Eric Schwartz, humorous song writer, 8 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live music. Shirley Reeves with Bill Haley's Comets, \$10, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41

<www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Sunday, September 1

Picnic, live music. sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters, 10 a.m., 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-687-1370.

Festival. Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry host Brisket Festival, musicians, clowns, crafters, soccer, movie, free food, 8 p.m., downtown Newburyport; <www.newburyportchamber.org>

Live chamber music. with Stella Maris choir, St. Ignace Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; Sarah W. Williams, 978-3833.

Live jazz. Billy Norbeck with Bob Burnham & Band, 8 p.m., 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-8797.

Arts and Crafts Festival. see Aug. 31

Monday, September 2

Labor Day. No events scheduled.

Tuesday, September 3

Auditions. New England Classical Singers, all ages, open rehearsals, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., St. Ignace Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; 978-3833.

Marketing mixer. sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m., 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Live jazz. Billy Norbeck with Bob Burnham & Band, 8 p.m., 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-8797.

Wednesday, September 4

Men's Health Forum. sponsored by

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. and a little bit
2. show
3. Stand for corpse
4. Toss off
5. Escapes
6. Boop
7. Wilbur from duels
8. Mexican word
9. Scold
10. Business enterprise
11. The third son of David
12. Family and students at a school
13. Capital of Latvia
14. Put down
15. Kelp group
16. Seaweed
17. Akin
18. Serious music
19. Israel's machine gun
20. North American nation
21. Triumphs
22. Volume of scriptures
23. Swamp
24. Linear units
25. Cuckoo
26. Twilled fabric of silk
27. Shelter
28. Abdomen of a crustacean
29. Position
30. Rivals
31. Gain and

CLUES DOWN

1. Porridge of peaches
2. Amount king
3. Dead Sea
4. Wool clippers
5. Obscure
6. The main character
7. Amount of time
8. Rusticate
9. Makes an effort
10. Highways
11. Having sufficient skill
12. Appear
13. Scottish Gaelic
21. National capital of Peru
23. Chalice
26. Bath linen
27. State clearly
28. Hypertonic
30. Pertaining to sound frequency
31. Infectious blood disease
32. Sir ____ Newton
33. Clean
38. Hebrew leader
39. Figures
40. Type of market
43. Weapon
45. Shaped sharply
46. National capital of Bahamas
48. Aviator
50. Plots of ground
51. Entranceway
52. Individual facts
53. Swiss river
54. Conform
55. Blunt
56. In addition
57. Medical practitioner
58. Norse goddess
59. Exclamation: yuck!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

AUG. 29 THRU SEPT. 8

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the Mass. Department of Public Health, men and women welcome, 6 p.m., Sutton Hill, North Andover; Carolyn Hubers 978-683-7747, Ext. 350.

Camera club meeting, Merrimack Valley Camera Club discussing techniques for better camera hunting, 7:15 p.m., Tritarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-685-8317.

Thursday, September 5

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theatre's *No, No, A Million Times No.* for students in grades 2-6, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School, Bartlett Street; 978-475-3422.

Women in Business Mixer, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 5-7 p.m., Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 1695 Andover St., Rte. 133, Tewksbury; 978-640-0700.

Friday, September 6

Nonsense, Colonial Chorus Players, \$10, 8 p.m., First Congregational Church of Reading, 25 Woburn St., Reading; Maryellen (781) 944-9780, <www.colonialchorus.com>

Live music, Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, \$10, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41.



Folk singer-songwriter Jennifer Daniels will play at the Crescent Dragon Gallery in Haverhill Friday, Aug. 30 at 9 p.m. See listing for details.

<www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Live music, Ilene Springer, singer songwriter, 8 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live comedy, Mike Donovan, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Paul Keenan, Lance Buchanan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the

China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theatre, see Sept. 5 entry.

Saturday, September 7

Live music, Marty Berk Trio, jazz trio, 8 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live music, annual banjo and fiddle contest, free, noon, Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Live jazz, with Riverboat Stompers, \$10, 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., North Shore Arts Association, 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Live comedy, Mike Donovan, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Paul Keenan, Lance Buchanan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Nonsense, see Sept. 6 entry.

Sunday, September 8

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Essex Art Center flourishing

■ ESSEX ART CENTER

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orated with artwork and sculpting from kids and local artists. At the end of it is the stage which is used for theatrical and musical performances. Throughout the summer kids worked on a play and created sets, backdrops, props and costumes. The work culminated in a performance of "Dream of the Good Witch." The play, written by Boston-area playwright Matthew Woods, was shown Aug. 22 to 24. The play took place on the art center's outdoor stage.

The art center has also organized a number of exciting fall events. On Sept. 7 the center will host Family Day. The day is a chance for families from all over the Merrimack Valley, including Andover, to see what the art center is all about. Various stations will be set up where people will be allowed to partake in a number of short-term projects with some of the Merrimack Valley's best local artists.

On Sept. 13, the art center will open two new exhibits. Local photographer Debra Ball will be opening an exhibit showcasing photographs she

took from a recent trip to Africa. Sculptor Bill Josie will also be opening a new exhibit. Following the opening of the exhibits, Andover band Grimis [of which Tanklefsky is a part] will play a concert outdoors at the art center stage. Grimis is a band comprised of four Andover High School juniors who will be making their second appearance at the Essex Art Center. "Playing at the art center is awesome," says Grimis drummer Peter Michelinie. "The last time we played there we had a great time and a lot of kids from Andover came to see the concert." The opening of the exhibits begins at 5 p.m. and the concert starts at 7.

Today with summer theater programs, concerts, after-school programs, and special exhibits, the Essex Art Center has come a long way from the small, two-room workshop that they opened in an unassuming building on Essex Street in late 1993. The art-center staff has helped the center to grow through members' ability to captivate kids with art, cover art from all angles and, of course, plan.

David Tanklefsky is a What's Up intern for the Townsman.



Allen Combs will direct the Andover Choral Society for its 73rd year.

Andover Choral Society to strike up fall season

The Andover Choral Society, now in its 73rd year, begins the fall season with rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church. The Choral Society welcomes new members in all voice parts.

Music Director Allen Combs, in his 13th season with the Choral Society, has planned the season's selections. The December concert will include the *Christmas Oratorio* by Camille Saint-Saens, a selection of Christmas anthems by various composers and a suite of carols from around the world arranged by Combs. Audience participation in carol singing will conclude the program.

In May 2003, Combs will conduct the Choral Society in *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by Brahms, a piece considered a corner stone of the classical choral repertoire, according to a release. In addition the chorus will be premiering Combs' transcription of Brahms' *Four Brahms Bibli-*

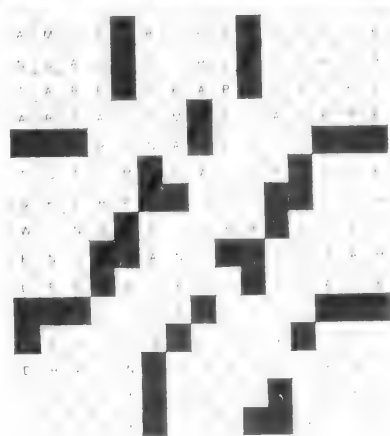
cal Songs, for chorus and orchestra. The chorus is thrilled and challenged to be bringing these master pieces to the community, the release says.

Combs studied at the University of Idaho and the University of Lowell and currently is an instructor in voice at Phillips Andover where he has also conducted the Fidelio Society and the Academy Chorus. He was music director of Harvard Pro Musica for three seasons and now appears regularly as a tenor soloist in opera, oratorio and recital. A member of the Blue Heron Renaissance Choir, he has given numerous classes for Boston area choral groups.

"I feel honored to play a part in the continuing artistic development of this organization which has such deep roots in the Andover community," says Combs.

For further information call president Kathy Bruton at 978-687-8225, or e-mail questions to <civrountas@att.net>.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Theater group auditions have patriotic theme

The Department of Community Services will hold auditions for Confetti Kids Theater Group on Friday, Sept. 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the West Elementary School auditorium on Beacon Street.

Membership is for children in the Merrimack Valley in grades 3 through 8.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and should be prepared to perform a simple monologue such as a nursery rhyme, child's poem or dramatic interpretation. They will be asked to sing one verse of *America (My Country 'tis of thee)*. Participants will be chosen for poise, dramatic ability

and voice quality. Confetti Kids Theater Group is a non-profit organization that provides theater education to children in the Merrimack Valley.

The group will be developed with a patriotic theme and will perform patriotic exercises in class, according to a release. The group also develops a musical repertoire and occasionally performs for community events.

There is a tuition fee and a costume fee.

For more information contact the DCS, Josie Walker at 978-475-8261 or Maureen Brennan at 978-475-2369.

Show participants say quilting is catching on

■ ANDOVER QUILTERS

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Hillner's entry, entitled *Autumn in the Castle*, earned an honorable mention from a team of quilt judges.

"She got an honorable mention, I just got in," laughed Kaleel until she got serious about her admiration for Hillner and said, "Judy taught quilting to me when I was a beginner. She is known for her fine, technical skill."

Hillner, who is out of town and was not available for comment, put together a statement about her quilt for a museum press release and described it this way: "...working with antique reproduction fabrics is a new experience for me....I chose the Castle Wall Block from Godey's Book in 1851. With its intricate piecing and classic design, it imparts an aura of elegance to fabrics and produces totally different effects depending on the fabric."

Hillner and Kaleel are members of the Merrimack Valley Quilters, a group that meets once a month in Plaistow, N.H.

Membership continues to grow as quilting is now the No. 1 hobby for women in the U.S., said Kaleel.

To get the word about quilting, members have launched a "bin on wheels" project that

will be making the rounds in Andover schools soon. Members selected children's books about quilts - which Kaleel says are plentiful - and reproduced the quilts featured. Kids can actually see and feel a replica of the quilt they just read about.

The project is Hillner's idea as she is a retired school teacher and assistant principal.

"Basically, we wheel the bin of books and quilts to a school and leave it. Then, we come back about a week later and take the bin to another school," said Kaleel.

She is currently putting the finishing touches on a quilt from the book, *Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt*.

Meanwhile, the quilt show runs through Oct. 20 at the American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and most holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Children under 6 are free. The phone number is 978-441-0400 and Web site is <www.athm.org>.

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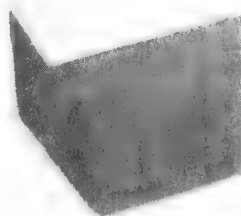
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IN BRIEF

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce hosts networking event

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a marketing mixer Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Bill DeLuca Chrysler-Jeep Inc., 108 Bank Road, Haverhill. The mixer, which will run from 5 to 7 p.m., is co-sponsored by Hammond Electric and Crossover Communications.

Chamber Vice President Wil Carpenter comments, "The marketing mixers are a proven way for our members to meet one another and promote their products and services. In addition, there is no better way to meet business people if you are new to the area, than at one of the Merrimack Valley Chamber's mixers."

The mixer will feature hors d'oeuvres, beverages and prizes.

Cost is \$10 per person, or a special price of two for \$10 when attendees bring a friend. (Non-member price is \$20.)

The public is invited.

Chamber sets Women In Business mixer

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its Women's Business Network meeting next Thursday, Sept. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., hosted by Fairfield Inn by Marriott.

This event is designed to be an evening of networking opportunities, and will feature hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and door prizes.

For more information, call the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

STAMP OF APPROVAL



Andover Post Office unveiled a postage stamp commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the US Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., with a special ceremony Wednesday, Aug. 21. Taking part were, from left, John C. Doherty, director of veterans services for the town; Margaret C. Dimock, officer-in-charge of Andover Post Office; Kenneth E. Bixby, Andover, US Naval Academy graduate, class of 1950; Paul C. Dow, Andover, West Point graduate, class of 1949; James W. Burke, former Andover resident, West Point graduate, class of 1973; and Joseph T. Ponti, Andover US Coast Guard Academy graduate, class of 1961.

"If you're out there pushing it,
you'd better stand behind it."

KATHY GOODSON, AUTHOR OF
RETAIL MANAGEMENT THROUGH CUSTOMER EYES

Customers rule her business

Andover woman teaches other businesses
how to make the customer happy

By Rebecca Piro

TIPS IN KATHY GOODSON'S NEW book, *Retail Management Through Customer Eyes*, can improve any small business. The author guarantees it.

"If you can't make back the purchase price in 60 days, I'm more than happy to refund you," says Goodson. "Because if I didn't help you, I didn't earn it."

That philosophy — "if you're out there pushing it, you'd better stand behind it" — is part of her personal commitment to customer service.

Goodson owns and operates KMG Retail Consulting out of her Colonial Drive home.

Her ability to determine what the customer needs comes from her education in psychology, working for her parents' advertising agency and her own experience as a postmaster for the US postal service for nine years.

In April, Goodson left her postmaster job in Tewksbury and began a full-fledged effort to run a consulting business to teach other businesses how to make the customer happy.

"In our shopping experiences, it's very hard to find a pleasurable moment," she says. "If you can make someone smile in the course of a day, that's a great day. And believe me, in the postal service, at times that can be very challenging."

Some years ago a customer called Goodson at home, upset that he had missed an important Express Mail delivery, and asked her to fix it. Goodson was on vacation and planning to visit her hospitalized mother.

"He was proposing to his fiancée, and (missing) were the tickets to the place he was going to take her," she remembers.

Goodson went out of her way to



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Shopping could be a better experience for customers, believes Kathy Goodson.

make several phone calls and make a special trip to meet the customer and hand-deliver the mail. The reason, Goodson says, is simple.

"You paid for the Express Mail. My job is to serve you. To me, that's how you do business," she says.

Goodson's book contains a chapter specifically aimed at teaching people how to deal with irate customers, and then how to decompress after dealing with them.

"Don't personalize it," she says. Half the time customers aren't upset with the person they are talking to, but rather the situation they are stuck in.

"I let them get out whatever would be bothering them, and let them offer what would be the appropriate course of action," she says. "Sometimes they'll walk out the door with a smile."

Goodson hopes to expand her business in the near future by offering seminars and training courses in business management and customer service.

"My role is to educate people in communicating, (so they can) listen and respond to customers and understand human behavior," she says.

Those interested can purchase the book for \$39.95 by contacting Goodson in her office at 978-474-4115.

Real estate man takes a boutique approach to doing business

By Judy Wakefield

There's a new look for real-estate sales offices and Andover's got it on Main Street.

It's a boutique approach to offering services. "With all the mergers and acquisitions, there are many big, big (real-estate) offices," said long-time local real-estate broker and Stone Wall Real Estate owner Bill Buck.

He opened his real-estate business on Main Street — above the House of Clean — about six months ago and business is doing well, he says. His one-stop boutique approach offers clients a "one-on-one" relationship with him and his small

staff, he says, and clients like the down-home feeling.

"We decided to create an environment that serves clients with the highest caliber," he says offering this analogy: "It's like a brewery and a micro brewery. We're the micro brewery."

Stone Wall Real Estate is named after the quintessential New England stone wall, he says.

"In many of the deeds, stone walls are actually part of the legal reference. We are referring to the stone walls that appear in the woods and next to some of the oldest homes in New England," his company Web site explains. "You can imagine

these stone walls took many hours of labor and years to build. It is with this work ethic that we selected the name Stone Wall."

Primarily serving Andover and North Andover, Buck says the housing market continues to be hot in Andover with most of his clients opting for the \$500,000 to \$600,000 price range.

It's a "turn key" crowd that's keeping him busy. "I call it turn key because they want move-in condition. They don't want a house that needs a lot of work," Buck says of his clients.

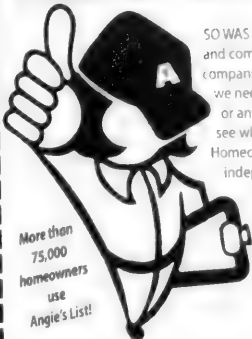
With mortgage rates at a 30-year low, Buck is not concerned about a home-sales downturn in

Andover. "It's not hard to sell this town," Buck says. "It's been strong for many years and that continues."

In addition, a Main Street address offers downtown shoppers a place to check out local real estate and plenty of shoppers are doing just that.

"In general, our open-house traffic is strong and that's even true in August," Buck says. "People stop in for no particular reason. They are just gathering information, which just shows that local real estate is strong."

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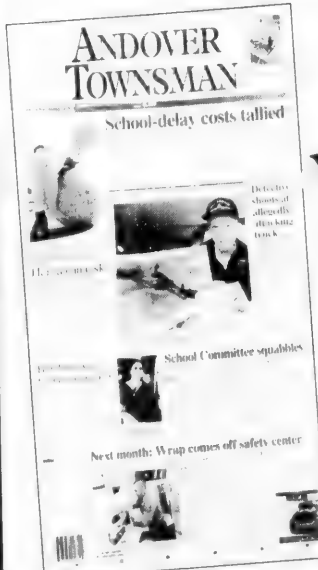
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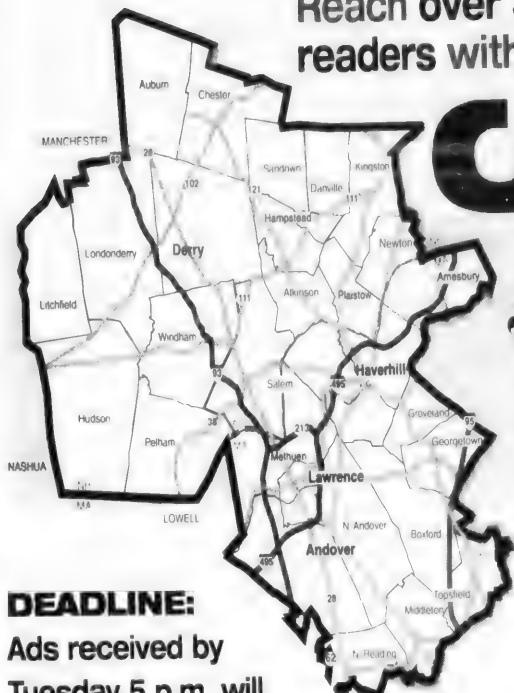
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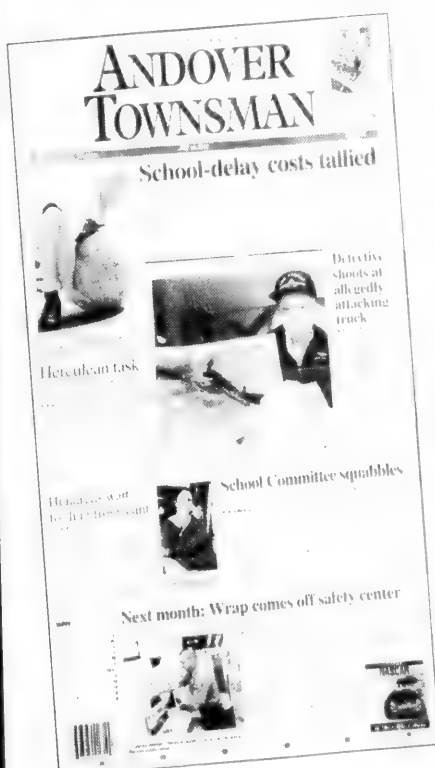
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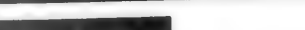
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New converts are turning to yoga, tai chi and pilates

By Michael Ruderman

Have you ever seen senior citizens performing odd, slow, martial-arts exercises in the Park and wondered what they were doing? Jumping on the bandwagon of the newest trends in exercises, the senior center in Andover offers programs in tai chi and yoga - ancient forms of exercise meant to strengthen the mind and body.

New crazes in physical training - including yoga and tai chi as well as pilates - have garnered followers all over the world. Millions of people currently practice tai chi. Seasoned athletes, as well as couch potatoes, are enlisting in courses, noticing that these three forms of exercise offer a unique approach to athletic activity.

The three programs offer athletic benefits by building muscle, increasing flexibility or improving one's breathing. But these programs are set apart from traditional no-pain, no-gain programs that require slaving in the gym. Fans say they are meant to unite the mind, body and spirit ("yoga" in Sanskrit means "union") or improve the flow of *qi* ("the life flow," according to tai-chi enthusiasts).

Currently the most popular of the three exercises in the United States, yoga was practiced as early as 5,000 years ago. Reports trace its origin back to an Indian physician, Patanjali, who outlined a system for obtaining harmony and health by having the mind and body in balance. Yoga is recommended for stress reduction because of this emphasis on inner balance.

Yoga is a series of physical postures and breathing exercises



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Let's do the twist - Yoga Instructor Sue Luby (second from bottom and at left, instructing a client during a yoga class) says "the twist" is a way to stretch out and relax muscles.

that allegedly help regulate heart rates, improve posture, provide relaxation and ultimately impede the aging process. The postures are known as *asanas* and range from rather simple standing positions to more complicated postures such as a shoulder-stand. *Pranayama*, the

breathing routine that means "regulation of life force" in Sanskrit, is used while performing the *asanas* and employs slow-breathing techniques to clear the respiratory system.

Unlike some other athletic offerings, yoga is known for healing the soul and calming the mind. Believing all three components of yoga complement each other, some have claimed that the meditative part of yoga brings an individual to a higher level of consciousness, beyond a dream-like state. Besides this increased consciousness, some other, but not as well known,

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■ YOGA AND MORE

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alleged health benefits of yoga are improved memory, increased motor skills, and enhanced metabolic function.

At the conclusion of yoga sessions, time is given for relaxing in what some teachers call the "corpse position." These 20 minutes, or less, are said by some users to be just as invigorating as a full night's sleep or a substantial nap.

Yoga sessions are offered at many local gyms, and classes are designed for beginners. Power yoga is a highly intense session offered for the most experienced individuals.

Tai chi, much like yoga, combines the body and mind. Unlike yoga, tai chi uses fluid movements that are relaxed and not rushed in speed as opposed to intense stretching exercises. As tai chi is relatively simple and can be learned by those of all ages, enthusiasts range from Andover residents to Chinese citizens who practice it regularly.

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by some, however, because it requires individuals to master and perform several movements carefully, making it a favorite among dancers.

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Calcium: Key to top fitness

By Dr. Michele Cyr (NAPSA) – A few simple changes can transform a person's diet into one that promotes low body fat and provides the nutritional requirements for a more active lifestyle. The key can be summed up in one word: calcium.

A silent danger for women is low bone mass. A recent study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, shows that the prevalence of osteopenia, a preliminary form of osteoporosis, is much higher than previously believed, affecting nearly 40 percent of post-menopausal women.

Osteopenia and osteoporosis are defined by decreasing bone mass. Bones are made primarily of calcium, a mineral that is found in many foods.

In our early years, when bones are growing, we need to consume high levels of calcium to build bone mass. This need levels off in middle years, but increases again after age 40 when our bones begin to lose calcium more quickly.

A number of studies have demonstrated that people who consume a high-calcium diet have a lower body-fat index than those who don't. Although it is unclear why this happens, it is another reason that a high calcium diet is ideal for a diet and exercise regimen.

My best advice for boosting calcium is not to rely on dietary

supplements, but to start with healthy foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-grain breads and lowfat yogurt.

The recommended dietary allowance of calcium for most adults is 1,000 milligrams (mg) per day, and 1,200 mg per day for post-menopausal women.

Unfortunately, studies have shown that the average American woman consumes only 600 mg per day. By adding a few servings of high-calcium foods, most people can reach and even surpass these goals.

Perhaps the best source of calcium is lowfat yogurt. Not only does a single cup of yogurt offer 40 percent of the recommended daily allowance of calcium, but it is a good source of protein, a nutrient that is vital in maintaining good health.

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Dr. Cyr is an associate professor of medicine at Brown University.

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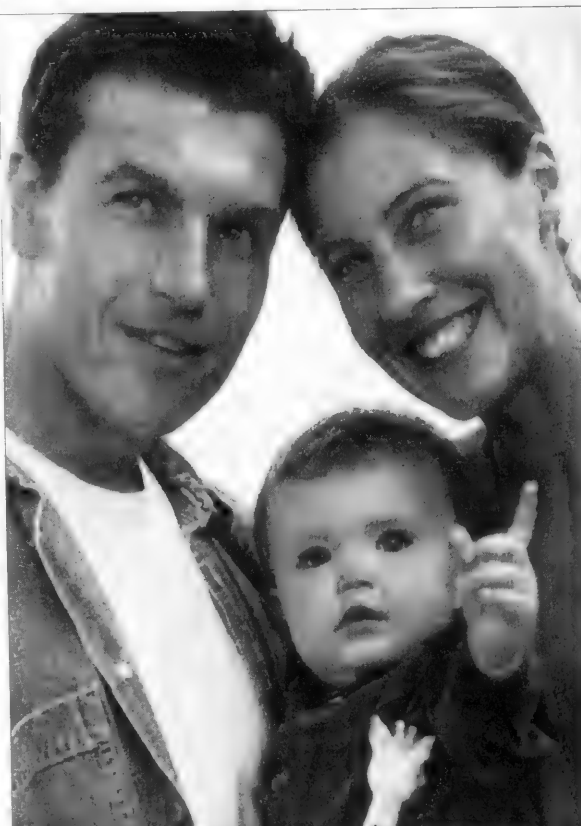
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Exercising for fitness and independence

"Seniors are the least physically active people. Yet seniors have the most to gain from being active," says Dr. Robert Schreiber of Andover.

Physical activity offers numerous benefits to seniors, says Schreiber. "It decreases the affects of diabetes, increases circulation, helps with sleeping issues and weight loss, decreases depression and anxiety, and helps keep seniors functionally independent," he says.

"But don't buy into the 'no pain, no gain' philosophy. Physical activity shouldn't hurt. The older we get, the slower the recovery," Schreiber says.

He stresses that if one hasn't been diligent about exercising, it is easy to injure oneself. People shouldn't go out and play three hours of tennis once a week if they don't get other exercise, he

says. They could easily pull a muscle, or tear a tendon.

Schreiber recommends plenty of stretching before and after an activity. Flexibility is key. Start a regime and follow it for 30 minutes a day, five days per week. Of course, check with a doctor before starting, he says.

Linda Randall Meyers, senior physical director of Andover/North Andover YMCA, agrees that flexibility and strength training are very important. People can start exercising and can improve their level of fitness at any age. Improving one's level of fitness translates into a more functional life.

If someone can't do strength training, Meyers recommends swimming or water-walking classes. These aquatic activities work on a wide range of motion, lubricate the joints, and offer a

cardiovascular workout. Edith Musnick of Andover, who does aerobics and strength training at the Andover Senior Center, says "exercising is not only good for the body, it's good for the mind and for the camaraderie."


The senior center offers 14 classes per week. Some of the classes have become so large that they take place at the Old Town Hall. Pat Becker, director of programming, says, "Strength training classes for women have been growing, as medical research has shown that strength training helps with osteoporosis." Seniors have also told Becker that tai-chi classes have helped them with balance and yoga has helped with stress.

Also available at the center is Senior Connections, a supportive day service that offers exercise programs for frail elders. It is run

by a certified recreational therapist. One 94-year-old man who has been taking these classes for the past three years claims that "life begins at 90."

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Allergies: A silent troublemaker

By Michael Ruderman

As silent, nearly invisible irritants, airborne allergens affect the respiratory systems of approximately one-fourth of all Americans.

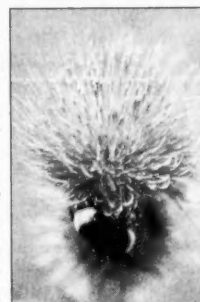
According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), roughly 50 million Americans suffer the effects of airborne allergens. An estimated 35 million of those have allergic reactions to pollen, the most common cause of seasonal allergies.

Though the summer is ending, autumn also brings a predictable return of allergic reactions.

"Allergies can get quite

severe — to the point where the patient can't breathe," says Dr. Thomas Johnson, a North Andover allergist and immunologist. Patients react to a variety of agents, including, but not limited to, pollen, mold, ragweed, mugwort, latex, peanuts, dust mites, animal fur and bee stings.

The inability to breathe, an unfortunate consequence



The pollen of some plants can cause allergic reactions.

of allergies, is known as asthma. "If wheezing and shortness of breath accompany allergy symptoms, it indicates the need for medical attention," says the NIH. Asthma can cause death, though death is a rare consequence of strong allergic reactions.

To prevent common allergies, many Americans take antihistamines, drugs such as Alle-

gra that control allergic reactions. However, many of these people are not aware of immunology treatment, such as that offered by Johnson, he says. "There is no cure for allergies, but there certainly is effective treatment," Johnson adds, noting that patients can receive monthly shots to stop the effects of allergies instead of frequently using antihistamines. A series of shots to help prevent the unwanted effects of food allergies will be released in two years. Shots currently exist to prevent allergic reactions to respiratory invaders and bee stings. Johnson notes that with one of these immunology treatments, children can be

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Gain without pain: Dispelling common exercise myths

(NAPSA) – Will doing 100 leg lifts a day give you thinner thighs? Does muscle turn to fat when you stop exercising?

With all the information available about fitness and exercise, it can be hard to separate fact from fiction. While some exercise myths are falling by the wayside, others still exist. Without proper knowledge, you may hinder your exercise progress.

• **Myth: Spot reducing.** One of the most common exercise myths is that exercisers can reduce fat from specific parts of their body, such as their thighs or abdomen. The truth is fat cannot be burned from specific body parts. Fat is stored throughout the body, and exercise will use fat from different areas and not necessarily the part someone is working. The best way to reduce body fat is with a consistent routine of cardiovascular exercise, strength training and stretching.

• **Myth: No pain, no gain.** A second exercise fallacy is that someone must exercise at a very high intensity or for long hours to get results. Research shows that even low- to moderate-intensity routines have valuable health benefits. A good general recommendation is to do cardiovascular exercise three to five days per week for 20 to 45 minutes per session at 65 to 80 percent of one's maximum heart rate (220 minus one's age). That's where someone is working but is not gasping for air.

• **Myth: Strength training makes people very muscular.** A common misconception among women is that lifting weights will make them bulk up. Bodybuilders usually have spent hours at the gym, may use steroids and follow strict diets to achieve their physiques. In addition, compared to men, women have less of the hormone testosterone, which is key to developing large muscles. Strength training approximately two to four times a week, doing a variety of exercises for the major muscle groups, will help lead to a lean and toned appearance.

• **Myth: If people stop working out, their muscle will turn into fat.** Many people believe that if they stop working out, their muscle will turn into fat. Muscle and fat are two distinct tissues and never can be converted from one to the other. If someone stops exercising, muscle tissue will shrink, so they may feel flabbier. Also, when muscles get smaller, they

do not need as many calories, so people's metabolism slows. With a slower metabolism, if they eat the same amount of calories, they may gain body fat.

• **Myth: If a person didn't exercise when they were younger, it's too late.** Some older people tend to think that it is too late to start an exercise routine if they didn't work out

when they were younger. Studies have shown that it is never too late to start working out – people can reap benefits at any age. As people age, exercise can help reduce the risk of bone and

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■ ALLERGIES

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Johnson said that treatment with shots, coupled with visits to the allergist, is known only to the most knowledgeable patients and can be used by those who are willing to shell out approximately \$1,000 to rid themselves of the allergy. He believes that only five percent of those with allergies and/or allergic symptoms actually visit an allergist.

Allergic symptoms are easy to recognize. Patients can suffer from watery eyes or conjunctivitis. Others may have consistently itchy eyes or allergic shiners, which are dark circles under the eyes.

Coughing, postnasal drip, sneezing, and having a runny or clogged nose are also symptoms of allergic reactions.

But what is an allergy? "An allergy is a specific immunologic reaction to a normally harmless substance," according to the

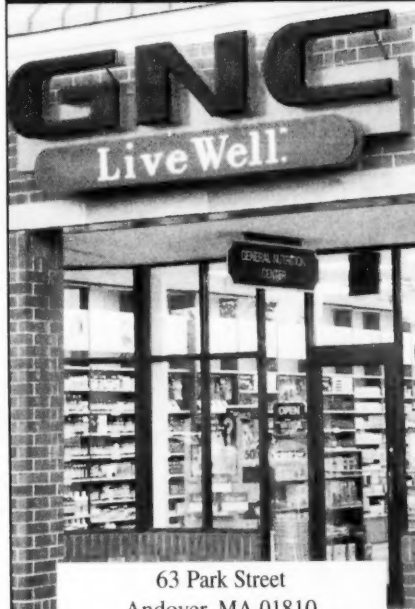
NIH. Allergies affect people because the body interprets the allergy's small particles as invaders and subsequently releases a chemical known as IgE. When the allergy's particles attach to the IgE in a patient, a signal is made that allows for histamines to be released.

These histamines are "powerful, inflammatory chemicals" and are what cause allergic reactions. Allergy suffering is a hereditary trait, passed from parent to child.

Depending on how one's immune system functions, if any respiratory illness lasts longer than a week or two, one should visit a doctor to receive tests for allergies, says Johnson. Doctors can perform skin or blood tests, but if an allergy reappears at the same time each year, a doctor may assume that a seasonal allergy is to blame for the reaction.

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